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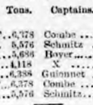

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	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total Traffic for the week	400	400	....	800
Or per mile of Railway	23	23	....	46
For previous week of half-year.	280	300	....	580
Total for 2 weeks..	608	700	....	1,380
Comparison Total for corresponding week of previous year	373	159	6	518
Per mile of Ry. do.	22	8	....	30
Total to corresponding date do.	692	259	10	961

Increase for the week..... Rs. 282
Do to date..... „ 419

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	(up) Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total traffic for the week	1,41,000	2,35,000	4,000	4,00,000
Or per mile of Railway	279	506	8	793
For previous 1 week of half-year	102,000	185,000	2,700	289,700
Total for 2 weeks ..	243,000	440,000	6,700	689,700
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	1,26,580	2,75,150	2,349	404,079
Per mile of Ry. do.	251	545	5	801
Total to corresponding date do.	235,070	510,992	4,363	750,453

Decrease for the week.. Rs. 4,059
Decrease to date ..... „ 60,753

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LONDON, JANUARY 22.

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2½ per cent. Rentes	91 3/4	=	— 1/4
3½ per cent. Indian Sterling Loan	101 1/4	=	unchanged
3½ per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper	64 5/8	=	„

SILVER—

Spot in London	31 3/8	=	— 3/16
2 months hence	31 1/2	=	— 3/16
Spot in New York	68	=	— 3/8

EXCHANGES—

Paris cheques	25·23	=	plus 1/2
Berlin cheques	20·50	=	unchanged
New York Demand	4·85 3/4	=	„

DISCOUNTS—

Bank of England	5	pr. ct. =	„
3 months' sight Bank Bills	4 7/8	do. =	„
6 months' sight Bank Bills	4 1/2	do. =	„
3 months 'sight Fine Trade Bills	5 3/8	do. =	„
6 months' sight Fine Trade Bills	5 1/4	do. =	„

INTEREST—

Day to day loans	4 3/8	=	plus 1/8
7 day market loans	4 1/2	=	plus 1/8

Extra Council Bills allotment Transfers in Calcutta Rs. 6,06,000 at 1 4 3/16d.

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Para Rubber 5 2 1/2 value

WHEAT—
Red Karachi 30 3/8+1/8 New terms Feb.-Mar. sellers firm.

RAPESEED—quiet

LINSEED—
Linseed Bold 42 3/4+1/8 Jan.-Feb, sellers firm

COFFEE—
Coffee in New York 6 7/8

ARRIVALS—
Steamers—"Breconshive," "Ben Vrackie"
"Lonshde" | "Trieste" "Castalia" "Imperatrix" "Polyneslen.'

IN LIVERPOOL—

Cotton Market closed	steady
East Indian	dull
Manchester	steady
Total Sales	7,000
Spot	5·79—7
Egyptian F G F Brown	10 3/8
Sold on speculation and for Export	500
Imports	74,000
Futures closed	steady

Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.	Mar.-April
5·49	5·49	5·46
plus 3	plus 4	plus 4
April-May.	May-June.	June-July.
5·45	5·45	5·45
plus 4	plus 5	plus 5
July-Aug.	Aug.-Sep.	Sept.-Oct.
5·44	5·49	5·36
plus 5	plus 6	plus 6

Receipts at U. S. Ports	68,000 bales
Do. last year	25,000 „
Exports to Great Britain	35,000 „
Do. do Continent	32,000 „

IN NEW YORK—

Spot	10·90 plus 10
Futures, month of March	9·44 plus 3
Do. do. July	9·63 plus 4

Advanced owing to firm cables and to bull support and short covering.

IN NEW ORLEANS—

Spot	10 3/8
Futures, month of Mar	10·19 plus 6
Do. do. July	10·22 plus 8
Tone at close	steady

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay, for the 24 hours ending 6 p.m., on 22nd January :

Cotton	17,306	bales.
Wheat	11,704	cwts.
Linseed	1,237	do
Rape, Rai and Mustard	1,348	do
Gingellyseed	26,374	do
Poppyseed	41	do
Groundnuts	3,983	do
Castorseed	13,281	do
Rice	15,768	do
Myrabolams	6,023	do
Cottonseed	31,131	do
Mowraseed	15	do
Gram	2,571	do
Jowrar	1,265	do
Maize	590	do

IMPORTS OF TREASURE.

Silver bullion Rs. 1,60,175
Rs. s.s. "Bombay" Mara from Adelaide via Colombo.

BOMBAY, WEDNESDAY EVENING.

There is little change to record in the local markets to-day. Cotton is quoted Rs. 1 to 2 higher for ready delivery, as the final day of the settlement is on Friday and some contracts still remain to be covered.

The sterling exchange quotations are all unaltered. Rupee Paper is steady and has advanced about three annas since last evening's closing rates. The following are closing rates for shares :

Petits	Rs.	3,542 1/2
Davids	„	428 3/4
Bank of Bombay	„	1,360

EXCHANGE.—Tone quiet.

Bank T. T.	Is. 4 1/8d.
Bank Demand	Is. 4 5/32d. 3/16
Credit Bills 3 Months' Sight D. A.	Is. 4 15/32d.
Do. 6 do. do.	Is. 4 5/8d.
French Francs 3 m/s D A	172 1/4
Marcks 3 do. do.	141
Hongkong 30 Days' Sight	160 1/2
Shanghai 30 do. do.	220
Japan 30 do. do.	148 1/2

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—3 1/2 per cent. Tone steady.

Cash	96·14
1st Settlement, 31st January	97·0

MONEY MARKET.—Tone firm.

BANK RATE—

Bank of England since 17th Jan,	5	per cent,
Bank of Bombay do. 13th Dec.	9	do.
Bank of Bengal do. 6th do.	9	do.
Bank of Madras do. 15th Jan.	9	do.

SEEDS—

Linseed.—Tone steady.

Ready	Rs.	7-0-0
Forward Apl.-May	Rs.	7-4-0

Rapeseed.—Tone

Brown Cawnpore, Forward April-May	Rs.	7 3-0
Do. Kutni Ready	Rs.	7-2-0
Yellow Guzerat Ready		
Do. Forward April,...	Rs.	7-14-0

Poppyseed.—Tone quiet.

Ready	Rs.	10-4-0
Forward April-May	Rs.	8-4-6

Castorseed —Tone easier.

Ready	Rs.	39-0-0
Forward April-May	Rs.	34-8-0

Gingellyseed.—Tone steady.

15 per cent. Mixed	Rs.	49-8-0
25 „ „	Rs.	48-8-0
50 „ „	Rs.	47-8-0
Black Kutnee	Rs.	42-8-0

Wheat.—Tone quiet.

White Delhi, April-May	Rs.	4-8-0.

Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association, Limited:—

	Fine.	F-G	Goods.	Delivery.
Bengals, M. S. (Ry. terms) and	179	170	..	Ready.
S. Punjab M G	177	168	..	Jan. 25
Oomrawattee (descriptions) M-G	208	202	..	Ready.
Do do	206	200	..	Jan. 25
Khandesh (M-G)	189	183	..	Ready.
Do do	189	183	..	Jan. 25.
Khangaum, (M-G) fair staple				
Karanja (M-G) do	207	201	..	Ready,
Akola (M-G) do	205	199	..	Jan. 25.
Yeotmal (M. G.)	222	216	..	Ready.
Do do	221	215	..	Jan. 25.
Nagpur Kamptee (M-G)	227	221	..	Ready.
Do do	225	219	..	Jan., 25.
Broach (M.G.)	234	..	227	Mar. 25
Muttia (M. G.)	184	174	..	Ready.
De do	184	174	..	Jan 25,
Bengal, H.G.	174	164	..	Ready.
Do do	173	163	..	Jan. 25
Dasmangaum and Poolgaum M-G.	219	213	..	Ready.
Do do	216	219	..	Jan. 25,

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone	steady,	
Estimated sales	7,000	bales,
Imports	26,000	„

Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.	Mar.-Apl.
5·49	5·45	5·44
	— 2	— 2
Apl.-May.	May-June.	June-July.
5·44	5·44	5·43
— 1	— 1	— 2
July-Aug.	Aug.-Sept.	Sept.-Oct.
5·43	5·39	5·35
— 1	— 1	— 1

MANGANESE ORE PROFITS.

The Report of the Directors of the Thirvapur Syndicate Limited, for the year ending 30th November last, the first year during which the Syndicate have been able to start exporting ore to Europe, gives a good idea of the success in the attainable for India, comparatively new industry of exporting manganese ore for use in the steel and iron works in Europe and America. The capital of the Company is only 2½ lakhs of rupees and so far only 2 lakhs have been issued. A net profit of Rs. 28,354 has been earned during the period in question on a turn-over of only 4,000 tons of ore, and the Directors propose to declare a dividend of Rs. 2-8 per share of Rs. 10 each, or 25 per cent. per annum. A very cautious forecast for the current year's working gives an estimated out-turn of, at least 3,000 tons per month." It is common knowledge that the Syndicate have sold their out-turn for this year at a price that gives them well over a pound a ton profit, and no great sketch of probabilities is required to put the quantity at 30,000 tons rather than the cautious report estimate of "at least" 24,000 tons. If this quantity is reached the profits of the Company must touch well over two hundred per cent. on the issued capital of two lakhs for the year ending 30th November 1907. This company as a limited liability concern is early and significant in showing what legitimate enterprise and careful management can give in the present day state of the market for manganese ore, a position which, seeing this acute demand for good ore at present, even in the face of the renewed normal exports from Russia, and the anticipated increase of supply from India in the near future, may last for several years if it does not attain a permanency.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE Charge for Announcements of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS, and MEMORIAM NOTICES which must be authenticated by the name and address of the senders, is Re. 2 for six lines or less and 8 as. for every additional line. CASH strictly in ADVANCE.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

MOBERLY—January 20, at Hyderabad, Deccan, the wife of C. H. D. Moberly, of a daughter.

CLARKE—January 12, at Marine Villa, Coconada, the wife of Lionel B. Clarke (Lieut., R. N. R.), additional Port officer, Coconada, of a son.

STRIDE—December 16, at Bangalore, the wife of H. J. Stride, of a son, still-born.

SCOTT—January 17, at Sabathu, the wife of Rev. S. Scott, Chaplain, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

BONNER—ALEXANDER—January 16, at the Cathedral, Bombay, by the Rev. H. L. Arnauld, M. A., Oxon. Thomas William Ponner, Jhansi, to Margaret Alexander, daughter of William Alexander, Bebington House, New Ferry, England.

DEATH.

ANDERSON.—January. 20, William Anderson, of the Union Jute Mills, Calcutta.

CONROY—January 15, at Mount Abu, Rajputana, Joseph S. Conroy, Superintendent, Burmah Excise, in his 34th year.

WARDLE—January 19, on Saturday, at the Cantonment Hospital St. Thomas Mount, Mr. J. M. Wardle, eldest son of Mr. S. Wardle, late of the E. I. Ry. (D. W. K.), Umballa, aged 22 years.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 7h. 15m.; Sun sets, 6h. 27m.; High water, 6-55m., 9-24s; Low water, 1-31m., 1-41s.

Contested Municipal Elections in Bombay, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Bombay Natural History Society, 6 p.m.

Skating Rink, Esplanade.

LECTURE.—Mr. Khursedjee J. B. Wadia will deliver a public lecture in English at the Theosophical Hall, 21, Hornby Road, this evening at 6-30, when Mr. J. J. Kinadalal will preside. Subject.—"Sufferings of Man and Nations."

NATIONAL INDIAN ASSOCIATION (Ladies' Branch)—The Bombay Ladies' Branch of this Association will meet this evening at 5-30 at Mrs. Collie's bungalow, Nepean Sea Road, when a lecture will be delivered by Mrs. Harris Hooper of New York.

UNIVERSITY FELLOWS' ELECTION.—The following gentlemen are candidates for election by Fellows of the University as members of the new Municipal Corporation.—Principal W. H. Sharp, Khan Bahadur Jamsetjee Ardasir Dalal, Mr. D. G. Padhye, and the Hon. Mr. Setalvad.

POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Lamu, Mombasa, Ibo, Chindi, Dar-es-Salaam, Zanzibar, Quilimane, Mozambique, Beira, and Delagoa Bay per s. s, "General" will be closed at the General Post Office at 4 p.m. tomorrow 25th. Specially superscribed correspondence for Natal, Cape Colony and other places in South Africa will also be forwarded by this steamer.

MUNICIPAL STANDING COMMITTEE.—Mr. Jafferbhoy Rahimtula presided at the weekly meeting of the Standing Committee held yesterday afternoon in the Municipal office. It was resolved to sanction a grant up to Rs. 2,500 for a casket and for engrossing and illuminating the address to be presented to His Majesty the Amir of Afghanistan during his visit to Bombay next month.

SPRING BAND AT THE ST. GEORGE HOSPITAL.—By kind permission of Lt. Colonel J. S. MacNeil and officers of 1st Battalion, the G.I.P. Ry Vol. String Band will play the following programme of Music under the direction of Mr. A Mallandaine, Bandmaster, commencing at 5-15 p. m. to-day.

March	Under the Double Eagle	Wagner
Lancers	Up West	Williams
Selection	The Gleiba	Jones
Characteristic Piece	The Coons Patrol	Latter
Reminiscences of	England	Geifrey
Valse	On Smooth Waters	Stark

THE JUSTICES' ELECTION.—The following gentlemen are candidates for election by the Justices of the Peace for the new Municipal Corporation :—Mr. H. G. Gell, Mr. F. C. Harrison, Mr. A. M. Tod. Mr. G. W. Hatch, Dr. Collie, Mr. J. A. D. McBain, Mr. J. Macdonald, Sir Sassoon David, Dr. A. G. Viegas, the Hon. Sir P. M. Mehta, Sir D. M. Petit, Bart., Mr. Jamsetjee Ardaser Wadia, Mr. Bhugwandas Narotumdas, Mr. Kaliandas Keshovdas, Khan Bahadur D. R. Chichgar, the Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtula, Mr. Haji Yusuf Haji Ismail, Mr. T. A. Kajiji, Mr. Rustomji Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, Mr. Pheroze C. Setna, Mr. Cowasjee Jehangir Readymoney, Mr. Nugardas Narotumdas Nanavati, Mr. Trimbak N. Vaiyad, and Mr. N. V. Mandlik. There are in all twenty-four candidates for the sixteen seats at the disposal of the Justices.

THE L. M. & S. DEGREE.

UNDER the revised regulations of the Bombay University recently sanctioned by Government, both the L. M. & S. and the M. B., B. S. degrees will be granted until Government have constituted a new qualification to be conferred by some authority outside of the University in place of the former of those degrees. His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint a Committee consisting of the following gentlemen to consider and report on the question what the new qualification should be and what arrangements should be made to train men for it and to grant it:—The Surgeon-General with the Government of Bombay, Chairman ; the Direrton of Public Instruction, the Principal, Grant Medical College ; Lieut.-Colonel R. W. S. Lyons, M.D., I.M.S., Acting Superintendent, B, J. Medical School, Poona ; Temulji Bhikhaji Nariman, Esq., L.M. Sir Bhalchandra Krishna, Kt., L.M.

The Committee are requested to favour Government with their opinion on the following points :—(a) Where and how should candidates for the diploma be trained? (b) What should be the duration of the course ? (c) What standard of medical knowledge should the diploma represent ? (d) What should be the constitution of the examining body? (e) By what person or body should the diploma be granted ? (f) What should be the designation of the diploma ? (g) How should the charges on account of the scheme be met ? and on any other points which may seem to require consideration in connection with this matter.

FAMINE IN SYLHET.

An Appeal for help.

We have received the following from the Surma Valley Association Relief Committee :—

It is impossible to give an adequate idea of the sorrows and sufferings through which the district of Sylhet has been passing from the effects of a dire famine. The situation was at first created by failure of the two successive crops of December 1905 and April 1906 ; but matters took a decided turn for the worse by the unusual floods of August 1906 which not only destroyed the autumn crop almost ready for the sickle, but also marred the prospect of the winter crop in the low lying tracts of the District. And the result was that the people in some parts were reduced to utter destitution and not a few among them succumbed to it. Relief measures were undertaken by the Government, but such measures owing to their inherent defects failed to provide adequate relief, The Surma Valley Association, which is a political organisation of the people of the districts of Cachar and Sylhet, opened a relief fund to help the situation. A appeal was sent round and a few thousandrupees was raised. But this was hardly sufficient to meet the requirements of the case. The organisation has, however, to be kept at work in view of the total failure of the winter crops (just harvested) in some parts of the district ; for enquiries that have been made on the spot on behalf of the Surma Valley Association go to show that about 250 villages are on the very brink of starvation. The Ram Krishna Mission has undertaken to provide for 30 villages and we appeal to our charitable countrymen all over the country to help us in this work of humanity. It is estimated that a sum of 2 to 3 thousand rupees a month will be required to meet the situation and that the operations will have to continued at least till April next.

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LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

HIGH COURT.

THE MILL SMOKE NUISANCE.

Successful Appeal by Government.

YESTERDAY, in the High Court, Appellate Side, the Hon. Mr. Justice Batty and the Hon. Mr. Justice Pratt disposed of an appeal by the Government of Bombay in the case of one Sakharam Bhiwajee, accused No. 2. In June last, the accused was along with another, charged before Mr. P. H. Dastur, second Presidency Magistrate, with negligently using or permitting to be used the furnaces of the Girgaum Paper Mills, so that the same did not as far as practicable consume their own smoke. The accused were acquitted by the Magistrate, and hence the appeal. Mr. Robertson, instructed by Messrs Bicknell, Merwanjee and Romer, appeared for the accused ; and the Advocate-General, instructed by Mr. J. C. G. Bowen, Public Prosecutor, appeared for the Crown.

It appeared that proceedings were instituted by the Municipal Commissioner of Bombay, before Mr. Dastur, against Salabhoy Habibula, the proprietor, and Sakharam Bhiwajee, the Engineer and Manager of the Girgaum Paper Mills, for contravening the provisions of clause (b), sub section 1 of section 391 of the City of Bombay Municipal Act. The dates on which the offence was committed were the 15th, 22nd and 26th February, the 19th March, and the 9th April 1906. On the 16th June 1906, the Magistrate delivered judgment and ordered both the accused to be acquitted. It was submitted on behalf of Government that the Magistrate's order as regarded Sakharam Bhiwajee was erroneous and contrary to the evidence in the case, and wrong in law.

It was urged that the evidence of Mr. R. H. Hewett, a witness for the prosecution, who was corroborated by Dr. K. B. Shroff, that dense smoke and black smoke were emitted from the chimney of the mills for considerable periods during specified hours on five different days, was uncontradicted. The Magistrate ought to have held upon the evidence that the emission of dense and black smoke was evidence that the accused Sakharam, had so negligently used, or permitted to be used, the furnaces, so that they did not as far as practicable consume their own smoke. It was argued that the Magistrate ought to have held upon the evidence that the cause of the emission of the dense and black smoke was irregular and bad firing of the furnaces, which would have been preventible if the accused had exercised reasonable care in firing the furnaces. The Magistrate ought not to have been influenced by the fact that the observations recorded by Mr. Hewett and Dr. Shroff were taken without notice to the accused, and that there was no independent evidence to corroborate their observations. The Magistrate ought not to have drawn any inference favourable to the accused from the evidence that irregular firing would consume more coal, and would consequently be disadvantageous to the mill. The order acquitting Sakharam Bhiwajee was erroneous and contrary to the evidence, and wrong in law.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Batty pronounced the judgment of the Court. The learned judge said, this was an appeal by the Government of Bombay against the acquittal of Sakaram Bhiwaji, manager of a mill, who had been charged with so negligently using, or permitting to be used, certain furnances, that in so far as was practicable they did not consume their own smoke. Mr. P. H. Dastur, the Second Presidency Magistrate, who had dealt with the case, had deduced from the evidence of Mr. Hammett, who was a witness for the defence, that there was neither dense nor black smoke, despite the fact of the furnaces having been cleaned, and green coal put in, and consumed in them, while the observations were being made. Mr. Hammett's evidence on this point could at the most establish that the furnaces were capable of being used without emitting dense or black smoke but it was of no value for the purpose of showing that they had been always so used as to consume their own smoke. Even making the most liberal allowances for firing and cleaning, it was established beyond question that dense and black smoke continued on 22nd February for forty minutes in a single hour, a most unreasonably long period. This was observed by Mr. Hewett, witness for the prosecution, whose evidence was supported by Dr. Shroff, who had accompanied him. Dr. Shroff, was not asked in his examination-in-chief whether he had made the visit, or whether he remembered it : neither he nor Mr. Hewett were challenged on that point in cross-examination. In the absence of a suggestion of any special ill-feeling for suspecting the good faith of either of these two witnesses, the judges of the Appeal Court conceived no reason to take a contrary view. It had been objected that no opportunity of explaining reasons for the excessive smoke was given to the accused : he could hardly expect to be informed beforehand that a test was to have been made. This, if done, would have rendered a test nugatory : nevertheless only a short time before the inspection, he had been warned by letter by the District Health Officer, Mr. Justic Batty said, the Court saw no ground for doubting the accuracy of the observations, which appeared to have been very carefully recorded. The result was that black and dense smoke questionless continued to be emitted for a much longer period than was absolutely necessary, regard being had to the capacity of the furnaces for consuming their own smoke, according to the evidence for the defence itself. The order of acquittal was accordingly reversed : accused was convicted, and fined Rs. 50,

DAMAGES CLAIMED FOR A LIBEL.

In the High Court, yesterday, before the Hon. Sir Lawrence Jenkins, Chief Justice, and the Hon. Mr. Justice Chandavarkar, the hearing was continued of the appeal filed by William G, Whyte, assistant in charge of the Insurance Department of Messrs, Glade and Co., who are agents of, among other Companies, the Magdeburg Fire Insurance Company, against a decision of the Hon. Mr. Justice Russell, who had awarded him as damages one rupee from F. H. de Brito, who, Mr. Whyte complained, had libelled him in a certain letter. Mr. J. D. Inverarity, with Mr. F. Sorabji Taleyarkhan, instructed by Messrs. Kanga and Patel, appeared for the appellant, who was the plaintiff in the original suit. Mr. M. A. Jinnah, with the Hon. Mr. Chimanlal H. Setalvad, instructed by Messrs. Raghwaya, Bhimji, and Nagindas, appeared for the respondent, who was the defendant in the suit.

Mr. Jinnah argued for the respondent. He said, what his client had stated was perfectly true : truth was a perfect justification in a civil case. The evidence had established that the substance of the libel as true : if that was so, justification must be said to have been made out. The evidence of Whyte, to put it at the mildest, was far from reliable : to begin with, it was not probable that a man in Brito's position would lend him Rs. 2,000, as a personal loan. Whyte's position as chief man in the Magdeburg Fire Insurance Company led Brito to give him the amount under the

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THE KINGSTON INCIDENT.

COMPLETE as was Reuter's summary of the disaster at Kingston, the accounts of the subsequent unfortunate incident between Sir Alexander Swettenham and the American Admiral Davis were such that no well-founded deduction could be made from them, and it is still barely possible to draw a definite conclusion as to the right and wrong of the *contretemps*. But from such facts as have reached us we are reluctantly forced to the conclusion that Sir Alexander Swettenham has been guilty of as grave an indiscretion as has any member of the diplomatic service in our time. No abstruse arguments derived from "a glance at the map"; no subtle surmisings as to the American method of pursuing the policy of pacific penetration; no fulminations upon the alleged ill-mannered energy of the American Commander can obscure the patent fact that the British representative has apparently snubbed the friend in need, in the shape of Admiral Davis and his men, who hurried to the assistance of a people stricken by a most terrible disaster, which had not only robbed them of their homes and friends, but had liberated all the worst passions in the hearts of men whom sudden affliction had rendered desperate. Admiral Davis, as an American, must have a vivid knowledge of what took place in San Francisco after the great earthquake a year or so ago. As if the colossal ruin of the city were not enough, the population gave itself up to every kind of excess, and every opportunity for pillage was seized upon even by the Mayor and Fathers of the City. Yet San Francisco was one of the most civilised cities of the world. Then what must Admiral Davis have anticipated would be the fate of Jamaica, where the white population is out-numbered by negroes of a low scale of intelligence and particularly subject to panic? It is reasonable to suppose that the Admiral was of opinion that the earthquake might well be no more fatal than what was to follow. Immediately, therefore, he weighed anchor for the island on learning of the disaster, and promptly landed his men to render what assistance they could. The story of the incident is simple. On the afternoon of Monday, January 14th, when Jamaica was flooded with sunlight, and peace reigned over the island, a terrible seismic revolution occurred, absolutely without warning, wrecking every house in Kingston, and injuring every building within an area of ten miles. In that moment sixty white men, mostly Englishmen, including an ex-Governor of Bombay, were killed, some hundreds of natives being equally unfortunate. In the burning *debris* which an hour before had been one of the most delightful seaport towns in the tropics, three thousand natives lay dying or gasping for help. The camp hospital, which would have been such a Godsend to the sufferers, was destroyed in the general upheaval, and forty-five soldiers and some officers perished miserably. Chaos prevailed throughout Kingston, and the work of rescue fell to the whites, for the blacks were too panic-stricken to do anything.

Immediately the news penetrated to the rest of the world, the British Admiralty ordered the cruiser *Indefatigable* and other vessels to proceed to Jamaica to assist the sufferers. The French Cruiser *Kleber* at Martinique also started for Kingston. The American Admiral Davis, with the battleships *Missouri* and *Indiana* and supply vessels, was also ordered to Jamaica, and thousands of pounds were wired to the island by King Edward, the Queen, the Prince of Wales, President Roosevelt, the Lord Mayor and others, for the relief of the homeless and starving. On the fourth day after the earthquake, when Kingston had been reduced to cinders, the American battleships and relief vessels came into Harbour, and the Admiral promptly set to work to do his utmost to preserve order and alleviate the sufferings of the stricken. How greatly the good offices of the American sailors were needed was seen in yesterday's telegrams, which stated that while seven hundred bodies had been buried, over a thousand bodies are still unidentified, and the number of injured is three thousand, a thousand cases being serious. Nearly all these unfortunate sufferers must have been lifted or dragged from the ruins of the houses in which they were when the earthquake occurred. There is therefore no need to labour the question of the necessity for the American sailors in Kingston. They petrolled the streets, fed the starving, cleared away the *debris*, and did the same work that the men of the *Indefatigable* would have done had they been able to get there. However, the seamen's efforts were suddenly suspended owing to the receipt of a letter by the Admiral asking him to re-embark his working parties, but granting him permission to provide a guard, armed only with clubs, for the protection of the American Consulate. Seeing that the Admiral's efforts had been directed solely by a most unselfish and laudable object, the letter of Sir Alexander Swettenham must have come to him as a veritable shock. Quite naturally, he felt hurt and chagrined, and he can scarcely be blamed for at once placing this view before Sir Alexander Swettenham and departing with his fleet.

These are the simple facts of the incident which, by the way, we should think will be almost the last in the diplomatic career of Sir Alexander Swettenham unless he has some, as yet, unwritten details to divulge. As far as can be at present judged, a more ungracious act than the administering of a direct snub to the well-intentioned Admiral in the distraught circumstances narrated above, it would be hard to conceive. Even supposing that the spectacle of an American Admiral landing his men on British territory was unpleasant to an English diplomat, what did so paltry a circumstance matter when the people were dying all around and crying aloud for succour? And Sir Alexander Swettenham must have been aware of the utter ingratitude of his act. The still small voice of his own common-sense must have whispered something to him of the littleness of his outlook, otherwise he would not have sought to justify his action by the use of that absurd simile: "The fact that the residence of a New York millionaire was pillaged in the summer during the owner's absence would not have justified a British Admiral in landing a party to assist the New York police." Of course it would not. A burglary at a New York millionaire's would be the act of a man whose punishment should be obtained by the police. But the Jamaican earthquake was no act of man. It was what in Law is called "an Act of God," whereby thousands were stricken and dying, and to whose assistance every man who could do so should rush instanter. Sir Alexander Swettenham's simile alone convicts him. It is amazing that Admiral Davis should have had to point out to Sir Alexander Swettenham that his landing was dictated solely by "common humanity." And even if it was contrary to his duty to permit an American Admiral to land his men on the island, would not such a frightful calamity as Jamaica has just witnessed entirely absolve Sir Alexander Swettenham from the necessity of adhering strictly to the precepts laid upon him by the Colonial office? Did space permit we could quote many instances in which men whose names are household words have won eternal fame by the disobeying of orders in moments of crisis. We could also mention instances in which acts on the part of Ambassadors and Governors far less grotesque and uncharitable than that of Sir Alexander Swettenham have caused them to be promptly retired. One only will suffice, as showing how the Americans themselves are likely to view Sir Alexander's actions. A quarter of a century ago Lord Sackville was British Ambassador at Washington. He was the most polished man in the Diplomatic service, and had spent thirty-five years in it when he was appointed to Washington. But during the presidential election in the year that Mr. Cleveland was returned, Lord Sackville wrote a letter expressing an opinion upon the question. The Americans immediately showed their resentment and Lord Sackville was sent home. Yet Lord Sackville's offence was insignificant compared with the gross indiscretion committed by Sir Alexander Swettenham. We are afraid that the world's verdict upon Sir Alexander's letter to Admiral Davis will be universally condemnatory and we are not surprised at the statement in Reuter's telegram that "the opinion in both the Foreign and Colonial Offices is that in no conceivable circumstances should Sir A. Swettenham's letter have been writen."

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It must have been by an unaccountable oversight that the Indian Government, when drafting its laws for the patenting of inventions, the registration of designs and the protection of copyright for authors, omitted the copyright of pictures, which remain up to the present time without any protection whatever. Photographs, for example, may be taken of famous or picturesque places at considerable expense for travelling and apparatus, but as soon as the owner sells a single copy it may be reproduced and sold with impunity by any one. A Photographer in Bombay made a very attractive series of views of our city of which he began to sell copies in the reasonable hope of making some profit, but a bookseller bought copies of the whole set, had blocks made, and proceeded to undersell the photographer with half-tone reproductions. The latter had no remedy at law. A still more notable example is that of the Ravi Varma Lithographic Press, orginally started to make reproductions of the pictures of India's most popular artist. All went well until some one, knowing the state of the law, sent one of the best productions of the press to Italy, where it was copied and sent in quantity to Bombay, to compete with the original work. In this manner the first fine art lithographic press in India has had its legitimate labour frustrated by men who in other countries would be prosecuted as thieves. The Indian Government has spent large sums of money on the establishment and maintenance of Schools of Art for the training of students who naturally looked forward to an artistic career which, judging by the example in other countries might procure for them an honourable and profitable living, but however successful they might be as painters they would have to relinquish all rights to their work the moment they sold it, as the monopoly of reproduction by any process was denied them. An enormous number of pictorial prints in colours is annually brought to India which may be seen at railway stations, on walls and in public vehicles, all of them produced in countries where the work of the artist is thoroughly safeguarded, whilst in India where useful industries should receive every legitimate protection and encouragement, the best work of a colour printer made with great labour and expense for machinery is, when published, simply an invitation to the piratical speculator. It takes often a whole year to prepare for the reproduction of a good oil painting, but to copy a chromo lithograph is a much simpler affair, and the first cost of the picture is entirely avoided. The amount of advertising alone that is already displayed in India, represents a very large annual expenditure of money; a considerable portion of which might be laid out in India if pictorial art were protected here as it is in Europe. This matter might appropriately engage the attention of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce whose good influence in the affairs of the country appears in many a page of its annual report.

SIR ALFED JONES.

TERRIBLE as has been the earthquake at Kingston, and sad as has been the fate of the sixty Englishmen who have met their end in that dire calamity, it is impossible not to feel thankful that, of the many distinguished gentlemen who accompanied Sir Alfred Jones to Jamaica, only one has lost his life. Few people in the world have had such narrow escapes from death as the Banana King's party. Especially has England cause to be thankful that Sir Alfred Jones himself is saved. Sir Alfred may not be niched for posterity amongst the men of letters; he may not be enshrined along with the bards and muses; and his name will not go down in the annals of our time as an empire-builder or a leader of political thought. But all the same, he is one of those hard-headed, hustling men of affairs, with a genius for finance and trade development, who thinks in millions and counts in colonies, and helps to keep and enlarge the commercial greatness of his country. As all the world knows, Sir Alfred is one of our shipping kings. But his interests are very far from being confined to shipping. To manage half a dozen great lines of steamships would more than suffice for most. Jones is not to be restricted in that way. His activities are not to be measured by those of the ordinary man. Besides being a shipping king he is the Banana King. In this capacity he saved the Canary Islands from bankruptcy. He has himself described how this was managed: "I visited the islands to decide whether I should establish a coaling station there for our West African steamers and I was greatly impressed by the poverty of the Spaniards who form the bulk of the population. They lived formerly by producing cochineal, and the introduction of aniline dyes ruined them. Cochineal fell from ten to two shillings a pound; the land went to waste, and the people gave themselves up to despair. Seeing how productive the soil was, I bought up what land I could, and grew fruit. Then I went round to all the farms and offered them a price for all the fruit they could grow, and, where necessary, I made them advances and financed them generally. The consequence is that the land has gone up to £1,000 an acre, the islands receive a million a year for their fruit, and the people are prosperous and contented." Besides importing the fruit into this country, Sir Alfred has also fostered the popular taste for the banana. He now imports great quantities of the West Indian fruit, which is of a somewhat different quality from the Canary variety. For bringing over 20,000 bunches of West India bananas a fortnight, his Imperial West India Direct Mail Service receives subsidy of £ 20,000 a year. This trade has now developed into a weekly service, which means a weekly importation of 20,000 bunches a week from Jamaica and Costa Rica. It is a characteristic of Sir Alfred Jones that, whatever he sets hand to develops from one undertaking into many. Thus the Canaries owe it to him that they are not only a great fruit-growing country but a most important coaling station, serving the British Navy and nearly two hunded shipping lines. He has established a cold store in Grand Canary and ships-repairing works, and he has done his best to make the place a popular health resort, building a hotel at Las Palmas so that the visitor may have all the comforts of a home including good cooking, during his stay. Through his activity something of the same process has gone on in Jamaica. He has endeavoured to stimulate the sugar trade; he has egged on the colonists to bring their agricultural methods up to date; as in the case of the Canaries, he has set up a hotel and in order to prove the benefits of the island as a health resort, he recently took out a commission of leading medical men to test its delectable climate.

A YEAR'S SHIPPING.

BRITISH trade is so closely bound up in the country's shipping that the working of this branch of commerce is of more importance than is gained by the fact that it is the premier British industry. The result of the past twelve months' trading can only be described as somewhat less unsatisfactory than that of the preceding year. There is always the hope, however, that the high price of material and labour will cause owners to use more caution in ordering tonnage so that the natural increase in the world's trade may be allowed to have its due influence upon freights. During the year 433,149 tons net register, sail and steam, were added to the British register (for the twelve months ending in November). One theory advanced for the steady building is that other outlets from capital are becoming more circumscribed and that shipping is one of the very few industries around which no tariff wall can be built. This theory agrees with facts in so far as concerns the U.S.A. and France, as the Americans seem quite content to let us do their ocean carrying if they can secure the profitable work of growing and manufacturing the cargo, though "subsidid for American ships" is dangled before their eyes in the most alluring shapes, while the French mercantile marine is less than one-tenth of ours, though subventions of the most ingenious and lavish nature have been paid since 1881, and a new Act was passed last year. The German fleet stands next to ours in ocean ships with 3,810,000 tons, but of 2,081,000 net register tons of steamers, 1,081,568 tons are owned by five great lines, which received liberal payments for carrying the mails and paternal treatment from the Government railways in regard to both goods and passengers. In their coasting trade, reserved for steamers under their own flag, Americans are ready enough to invest money, as it is stated that Mr. C. W. Morse, who has completed a combination of a large number of "lines" trading on the Atlantic coast of U.S.A., has about £8,400,000 invested in the shipping business, and controls companies capitalised at over £65,000,000. By far the most important feature of the year has been the establishment of the new Australian line. It has been common knowledge that many fleets were owned by the builders rather than by the registered owners but the Australian line is a bold attempt to publicly break down the old order and it remains to be seen what steps the established firms will take to show their disapproval.

WE understand that a Resolution will shortly issue announcing improvements in the pay and organisation of the Imperial Forest Service.

At St, Thomas' Church, Calcutta, yesterday Miss Pepe, Daughter of Mr. R. R. Pope, District Judge of Alipur was married to Mr. Mackenzie, partner of Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co, Calcutta.

WE are glad to learn that Major Glyn continues to improve and that he is likely to leave Bangalore in a few days. He was able to attend the R. A. Point-to-Point Races at Birsandra on Saturday.

A marriage has been arranged between Mr. Morris A. Vermont Allen, of the Federated Malay States Service, Perak, and Miss Ada B. Carey, daughter of the late Lieutenant H. C. Carey, H. M. I. N, F.R.G.S., and Mrs. Carey, of "Gaythorne," Yercaud. The wedding will probably take place in July or August.

CAPTAIN YOUNG, who was mentioned by Reuter as having been killed at Kingston during the recent earthquake, was well known in Calcutta shipping circles. He commanded the coolie sailing vessel *Arno*, owned by Messrs. James Nourse and Co., which left the Hooghly about four months ago with 600 coolies for Demerara. The *Arno* after landing her passengers proceeded, as is customary with these coolie vessels, to Jamaica.

MESSRS. LONGMANS have issued "Recollections of a Lucknow Veteran, 1845-76," by Major-General J. Ruggles, formerly Colonel of the 19th Punjabis. The story of the defence of Lucknow has been told over and over again, but this book is none the less welcome, as even at this distance of time a personal recollection of one of the most heroic deeds in military annals is always full of interest.

On February 1st some important changes in the service of passenger trains on the North-Western Railway came into operation. The most important alteration is that on January 31 and every succeeding day the Bombay mail will leave Lahore at 22.50 instead of 18.50. Passengers leaving Lahore by this train on Thursdays will not reach Bombay in time for the mail steamer. If they wish to catch it, they must transfer themselves and their baggage at Delhi into the postal express which leaves that station at 11 a.m. every Friday.

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OUR SERIAL STORY.

THE CROOKED WAY,

BY

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SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS CHAPTERS.

CHAPTERS I. & II.—The opening scene is at the Savoy. Roy Royston is dining with Mr. Arthur Inwood and his wife, Helene Royston's financial affairs are hopelessly involved, and the only solution he can see is suicide. His friend Inwood, however, dissuades him from the rash deed, and lends him £10,000. Roy had known and loved Helene before she had married Inwood. He is no longer jealous, but he has something to tell Helene—some news which she will be glad to hear. He has no opportunity of telling her during dinner, and even when Inwood is called away, his wife accompanies him home. Later that night Royston decides to see Mrs. Inwood and deliver his message at all costs. He knocks at the window of Inwood's house, and Helene herself admits him. Her first surprise over, she is eagerly awaiting his news when she hears her husband's latchkey in the door, and her face blanches.

CHAPTERS III & IV.—Mrs. Inwood begs Roy to conceal himself, and he does so in the back area. After a time, becoming impatient he tries to escape through the house. Knowing that Inwood has an electric alarm fitted on the door, he makes his way out by the window, only to find himself in the grip of a policeman. Royston tries to explain his suspicious actions but fails to convince the constable. On their way to the police-station they encounter Arthur Inwood, and return with him to the house. The policeman states the charge against Roy and when the latter admits its truth, his quondam friend denounces him for the theft of the ten thousand pounds in notes which he himself had given to Royston. Going into another room Inwood raises a cry of "murder," and the other two enter to find Mrs. Inwood done to death. A dagger which Roy recognises lies near her. The enraged husband charges Royston with double crime of robbery and murder.

Chapters V. & VI.—After the alarm had been given, and the house aroused, the constable proceeds to escort Roystón to the police-station. On the way, however, Roy knocks his captor down and escapes. Crossing Regent's Park he reaches the canal, boards a barge, and thus leaves London. Then the scene changes to a typewriting office kept by a Miss Edith Clifford, Roy Royston's fiancee. She breaks down at the news of his arrest, but is consoled by the arrival of Robert Mackinlay, their mutual friend. He believes in his friend's innocence, but regrets that he ran away. Bob tells Miss Clifford that the dagger found on the scene of the crime was very like one she had. She goes to show it to him, finds it has disappeared, and she sinks to the floor insensible.

CHAPTER VII.—SPINNING THE ROPE.

The safe was empty as far as Edith's expectation went. Roy's gift to her had vanished.

Quickly as Bob sprang forward, he was not in time to catch her before she fell.

"Confound it!" he muttered under his breath. "What an idiot I must be to have mentioned the beastly thing to her. It was quite enough to knock her off her perch, coming on top of the news this morning, and yet I must speak about it for Roy's sake." And kneeling beside her, he busied himself restoring her to consciousness, sprinkling her face with some of the water she had left in the tumbler, slapping the palms of her hands, and fanning her with the mornings paper.

Bob was not a lady's man by any means, but in his knocking about the world he had picked up enough to know what to do in a case of this kind, and though the measures he applied were rough and ready ones, and also because the fainting fit was not a severe one, he soon had the satisfaction of seeing the colour returning to Edith's cheeks, and her eyes slowly opening.

"Lie where you are little girl. Don't worry; you'll soon be all right again now. I'll look after you. All you want is fresh air through I'm hanged if you'll get much of that in this oven of a Fleet Street but I'll open the window all the same, and we'll get what there is. There! Now then, how do you feel now? That's right," as Edith, with his aid, sat up, and he pushed a chair for her to lean against.

"Oh, Bob! how silly of me to faint, but I couldn't help myself," she gasped after a few moments. "It's gone don't you see? And it was quite safe when I looked at it only a few days ago. Who can have taken it?"

"Do you mean that the dagger Roy gave you was in your safe?"

"Yes, it was when last I looked. You see he brought it to me here, and I didn't like taking it home through the streets so I put it here till I should have my bag with me, and then I could take it without anyone knowing what I had got."

"A very natural thing to do. Young ladies don't, as a rule, carry daggers about London with them, even done up in brown paper; the point's liable to come through, and then it's awkward."

There was not a vast amount of sense in Bob's talk, but it was talk, and gained time in which Edith could recover herself, and that was what Bob was aiming at.

He had a sincere affection for the girl whose life's happiness now appeared in such danger of being wrecked, and apart from his friendship with Roy, he could be trusted to do his utmost to aid her in her difficulties.

Bob and her father had been friends in the long ago, when Captain Clifford of the 24th, was a careless, light-hearted fellow living for the moment alone, and taking no thought for the morrow.

He had married for love, and with little beyond his pay to live upon; and very soon difficulties began to crowd upon him, and he had to sell out. Even then he did not seem crushed; to him troubles were like water on a duck's back; he shook them off.

Not so his delicate young wife. Mers was a different nature; she brooded and worried over every little thing; and from the time Edith was born her health gave way, and, unable to stand against the constant anxieties, shifts, and economies, she faded and died, leaving to her husband the upbringing of their young daughter.

Of Edith's early years it boots not here to tell. She had more of her mothers than her father's spirit in her and on leaving her childhood behind her, she saw that her future depended in a great measure on herself, and set about preparing to face it.

For many years they had been residing in France, at Lyons, and Edith had gained such a mastery of the language and accent that few would have hesitated to deny that she was Gallic born. But an uncle of the captain's—his sole remaining relative—dying, left him—strictly tied up, be it noted—a legacy that was sufficient, with care, to preserve him from actual want, and on the strength of this the father and daughter returned to their native country. They settled down in a very small house at South Acton; and Edith, on the advice of Bob, commenced fighting Fortune on her own account as a shorthand writer and typist.

She began by filling a situation he had obtained for her in an office where she was only required for a portion of the day, and having bought her a machine he somehow procured her a certain amount of work, which she could do at home, thus gradually falling into the business methods of the commercial world.

Edith proved herself an accurate, reliable, and punctual worker, and commissions began to flow in apace, so that she and Bob felt justified in transferring her own business from the little front room at South Acton to two rooms on the top floor of Shelley House, Fleet Street and taking a pupil-assistant to look after the business while she was away at her appointment.

Her father did not altogether fall in with this arrangement; he liked having the bright little figure of his daughter about him, and found the time dull when she was away from home, but he was growing old, and required more luxuries and comforts than his small income warranted, so Edith held to her purpose, and endeavoured by extra little treats and surprises, to make up to him for the solitary hours he was compelled to pass.

It was at this time that she made the acquaintance of Roy Royston. He had required some French typing done, and on the recommendation of his friend, Bob, had taken it to Edith.

From their first interview he had been struck by her charming ladylike manner, and the first commission had been followed by many others, until the business acquaintance had grown into friendship, and from that to love. Learning from Bob her position, he had persuaded her to take him down to make the acquaintance of her father and recognising in him a gentleman of the old school—even if a selfish one—he had by books, presents, and many little kindly thoughts, been able to lighten the solitary hours of the old man, so that between the two there had grown up a warm comradeship.

Though Edith and Roy were not regularly engaged, for the latter had foreseen the difficulties that were crowding round him, and had hesitated to speak, yet their feelings were well known to each other, and when the time should come the result was not in much doubt in the minds of both of them.

"Help me up, Bob, please; I'm all right again now," said Edith after she had remained quiet a short time longer.

"Of course you are," he replied, giving her his hand. "But I shouldn't do much work to-day. Miss Baker (Edith's assistant) can look after the office for once. By-the-bye, where is she? Why isn't she here this morning?"

"Oh, I asked her to leave some work at Lincoln's Inn Fields as she came from King's Cross, so she could not have got here yet, especially as they might keep her some little time."

"Well, can't she manage when she does come?"

"She might."

"She'll have to. I'm going to boss this show to-day, and my first order is—off you go."

"Oh, but——"

"Not another word. You're going home. It's better so." And there was something in his voice as he uttered the words that caused Edith to glance at him in doubt. "It's better so," he repeated, and she gave way beneath a stronger will than her own.

"Very well; I shan't be sorry for a day's holiday certainly, and I don't think there is much that Miss Baker cannot manage; but how about the "shop"? The "shop" was what they always called the establishment where Edith was engaged.

"Leave that to me; I'll make that all square. Now come along; I'm going to see you to the train and then I shall know you're safe."

"But really, Bob, you needn't take all this trouble. I'm all right now."

"You are, little girl, but when Roy isn't here I take his place. I shouldn't care to meet him if I hadn't done these little things for you. Leave me yourkeys, in case Miss Baker should want anything; she's got one to the office door, hasn't she? Right then off we go." And thrusting the bunch Edith had handed him into his pocket, he pulled the door to behind them, and followed her down the passage.

On their way to Blackfriars Station he said:

"When you get home you're to lie down and rest till lunch time, and very likely this afternoon I may run down and carry you and your father off to Hampton Court, or somewhere in the country. I want an outing myself."

Having seen his charge safely into an electric train for her destination, Bob made his way back to Shelley House, calling on his way at "the shop" to say that Miss Clifford was indisposed, and could not attend that day.

At Shelley House he found that Miss Baker had not yet arrived. This was just what he wished; he wanted to have the offices to himself for a time and also to be there in case any reporter should look in in search of copy, for well he knew how greedy and insistent the recognised members of their calling are, and how they somehow ferret out sources of information that the public are ignorant of. Some people were certain to be aware of the intimacy of Edith and Roy, and it was a hundred to one that this knowledge would be taken advantage of.

At the safe he spent a considerable time and it was with a smile on his face that he at length rose from his knees, and wrapping up something very carefully in a piece of typing paper deposited it in the inner pocket of his wallet.

He had barely done this when there was a knock at the door, and on opening it a man asked if Miss Clifford was within. "News" was written large on his face, and Bob was quick to read it.

"I regret to say she is not, just now. Is there any message you would like to leave for her?"

"No, I think not. I wished to see her personally. Could you tell me when she is likely to be in?"

"I'm afraid I can't; she's in the country."

"Could you give me her address?"

"Again I fear I must disappoint you but if it is anything relating to business and you will leave directions they will be attended to."

"Umph! I'll call again," and turning away he took a few steps down the passage, only to return quickly before Bob had closed the door. "You, sir, perhaps are a friend of hers, and if so might not object to give me some information I am in search of in connection with the horrible affair at Cumberland Terrace this morning."

"Dear me," Bob said in the most innocent way in the world. "And what has happened there?"

And the gentleman of the Press proceeded to supply Bob with the latest details of the tragedy. When he had finished Bob replied:

"But what has all this got to do with Miss Clifford? for I fail to see it."

"Well, I am given to understand that the lady is engaged to Roston."

"Then in your next edition you may give a flat denial to the report; and now, as I can give you no help, and am excessively busy this morning, I will wish you 'good-day,'" and the door was closed as Bob muttered: "Confound their cheek! At any rate, I've been of some use to the little girl."

On Miss Baker's arrival he informed her just as much as he thought needful concerning her principal's movements, and directed her to know nothing, except relating to business, should anyone call and endeavour to pump her; and further than that, he told her to go out for her lunch at the usual time, and place a notice on the door, intimating the time of her return, and with that he took his leave.

Miss Baker had not departed for her favourite Aerated Bread depot more than a couple of minutes before Bob was once more at the office door, this time accompanied by a second man bearing something wrapped in a black cloth, and a three-legged closed stand in his other hand.

The notice on the door was not removed, and the lock was shot; but what took place within no one knew.

Conversation, if conversation there was, was carried on in an undertone, and the occupants took care that their shadows should not fall on the glazed portions of the doors.

Ten minutes before the time Miss Baker had noted for her return the door opened, and the two men emerged.

"And you think that will be all right?" asked Bob.

"Couldn't have been better. I should say," replied his companion. "But we must see how it comes out, and if it's a failure, I suppose you could manage to let me come again."

"Rather only I must have noticed. The less you're seen about here better, and in the meantime you'll keep your mouth shut. Mind, this is only between you and me."

"Of course, I quite understand."

"When one's spinning a rope for a man's neck, one does not warn him of the fact."

[*To be continued.*]

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KATHIAWAR NOTES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RAJKOTE, JANUARY 21.

OUR popular and energetic Agent to the Governor, Mr. P. S. V. Fitzgerald C. S. I. is at present at Porebunder. It is said that Major W. Beale, Political Agent, Halar, is to be shortly transferred to another District and Captain Brethorn, Personal Assistant to the Agent to the Governor, succeeds him.

The Special Commissioner Mr. R. M. Kennedy, who had left Ahmedabad on the 17th for the Navlakhi Bandar for the purpose of inspecting the several creeks and positions which form the subject of controversy before the commission in presence of representatives of the contesting states of Jamnagar and Morvi, returned to Ahmedabad on the 20th instant. The inquiry, it is understood will be resumed on the 26th, when the remaining witnesses for the Jamnagar State, of whom Mr. Seddon the late administrator who is now Alienation Settlement Officer is one, will be examined.

It is understood that the Adhvi-Nera boundary dispute, another case entrusted to Mr. Kennedy's Commission, will be amicably settled by the States concerned—Morvi and Cutch; and that the latter State's representatives are already in Morvi for the settlement of preliminary terms.

H. H. Sir Wagbji Bahadur, G. C. I. E., Maharaja Thakore Saheb of Morvi, has again left his capital for an inspection tour in the districts. His Highness is virtually governing the State himself, and his district tour is expected to bring about incalculable benefits to the State and its subjects.

A couple of days ago His Highness opened the Morvi Maha Prabhuji Bethak lottery prizes amidst a large concourse of people, with the result that all the large prizes went to non-residents of Morvi—a cogent circumstance which speaks highly of the most creditable and impartial mode that His

THE KINGSTON DISASTER.

ARRIVAL OF H. M. S. INDEFATIGABLE.

The Governor Cables Thanks to Mr. Root.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, JANUARY 22.

H.M.S. "Indefatigable" has landed a quantity of supplies at Kingston.

Sir A. Swettenham cabled to Mr. Root, on the 20th instant, saying that Jamaica is profoundly grateful for his sympathy and for the practical and kindly aid given by Admiral Davis and the American Squadron.

THE MANSION HOUSE FUND FOR JAMAICA.

LONDON, JANUARY 23.

The Mansion House fund for the relief of the sufferers in the Kingston earthquake now amounts to £25,000 of which £15,000 has been cabled to Jamaica.

INDIAN AID TO THE SUFFERERS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 23.

Contributions are earnestly appealed for on behalf of the sufferers by the earthquake in Jamaica. They may be sent to Mr. W. F. Bolton at the Jamaica Government Emigration Agency, 21 Garden Reach, Calcutta.

THE MOROCCO TROUBLE.

Warships Leave Tangier.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, JANUARY 22.

The Franco-Spanish Squadron withdraws from Tangier to-morrow. A French warship remains as a precautionary measure.

FRENCH LEGISLATION.

Relieving the Church Crisis.

LONDON, JANUARY 22

The French Government has approved a Bill for the completion of the Yunnan Railway and also a Bill greatly facilitating the holding of services in churches.

NAWAB OF BAHAWALPUR.

Arrival at Mecca.

LONDON, JANUARY 22.

The Nawab of Bahawalpur has arrived at Mecca.

TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFERS.

Purchases for India.

SIR E. LAW ON GOLD RESERVE.

LONDON, JANUARY 22.

Under recent arrangements for the grant of telegraphic transfers on India against sovereigns the Secretary of State for India has purchased a hundred thousand sterling which is due from Egypt on the 10th February.

LONDON, JANUARY 23.

Sir E. Law lecturing before the Chamber of Commerce advocated the dividing of the Gold Reserves into two parts. The first to be available immediately, the second only in cases of serious difficulty. He urged the rehabilitation of Consols.

NEW ITALIAN AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN.

LONDON, JANUARY 23.

Count Gallina has been appointed Italian Ambassador at Tokio.

THE SIAMESE LOAN.

LONDON, JANUARY 22.

Mr. E. H. Strobel, the Siamese Adviser, has quitted London and gone to Paris, and is returning to Bangkok. It is understood that his mission is connected with railways.

JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES.

Landing of Labourers Stopped.

LONDON, JANUARY 23.

The Immigration Commissioner at San Francisco, instructed from Washington, has forbidden the landing of two hundred Japanese abourers from Honolulu. It is presumed that they came under contract.

ARCTIC WAVE IN EUROPE.

Thirty Victims of Frost.

RECORD TEMPERATURE FOR FIFTY YEARS.

SNOW AT CONSTANTINOPLE.

LONDON, JANUARY 22.

Arctic weather is prevailing in Eastern and Central Europe. Heavy snow has fallen in Constantinople and Athens.

["EMPIRE" SPECIAL.]

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 23.

A cold wave is sweeping across Europe through Russia, Austria, Germany and Turkey and the lowest temperatures recorded for fifty years are being reported from various parts.

Thirty people have been frozen to death in Galicia.

It is intensely cold here (London).

THE THEW TRIAL.

Huge Rush of Pressmen.

["EMPIRE" SPECIAL.]

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 23.

Five hundred and twenty journalists applied for admission to the Thew Trial to-day in New Yor

EARTHQUAKE IN EAST INDIES.

Partial Disappearance of Simalu.

1,500 PERSONS KILLED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, JANUARY 23.

An Official telegram has been received at the Hague stating that Simalu on the 11th, inst. almost disappeared. Fifteen hundred persons have been killed. Violent earthquakes are being felt daily. The Governor of the Dutch East Indies has sailed for Simalu with Medical aid.

THE ANGLO-JAPANESE ALLIANCE.

Lasting Friendship Desired.

LONDON, JANUARY 23.

The London *Times* in a leading article says that M. Saionji's speech both by its form and substance commands the admiration of Japan's European allies. That gratification at the growing solidity of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance is equally felt in Great Britain. The strength of the alliance, says the leader, makes both parties earnestly desire an attitude of lasting friendship and good will on the part of each towards the third great Power in Asia. It urges a cordial understanding with Russia as the best means of maintaining peace.

MUSIC HALL ARTISTS STRIKE.

The Tivoli Closed.

FOURTEEN HOUSES AFFECTED.

LONDON, JANUARY 23.

The strike of the London Music Hall Artistes is chiefly a question of extra pay for matinees. Six of the Halls including the Tivoli closed yesterday evening. Eight others gave makeshift performances. The leading artists are identified with the movement.

("EMPIRE" SPECIAL.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 23.

The recent agreement between the Music Hall Artists and Managers has been broken off. The artists engaged by two of the Music Hall syndicates have struck and fourteen of the Metropolitan halls are affected. Several of the halls, including the Tivoli, were closed last night.

Well known artists are assisting in the picketting.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, JANUARY 23.

Sir Francis Evans is dead.

MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING.

Two Bills Passed into Law.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, JANUARY 23.

At yesterday's meeting of the Madras Legislative Council, after a number of interpellations had been put by the Non-Official Members and answered by the Official Members, the Hon'ble Mr. Murray Hammick presented the Select Committee's Report on the Madras Motor Vehicles Bill, 1906, which, after discussion regarding certain amendments, was passed into law. The main objects of the Bill, in the words of the Hon'ble Member in charge, are Licensing and Registration. Under these two heads it has, at this stage, been possible to frame laws that will not unduly harass motorists, yet be of sufficient protection to the public.

Subsequently the Hon'ble Mr. Forbes presented the Select Committee's Report on the Madras Hill Municipalities Bill which also, after some discussion, was passed into law as amended. In the latter measure the one really debatable point, when introduced, was the question of taxation, namely, whether direct tax on house-property was an equitable method of raising the funds necessary to keep two Hill Municipalities, mainly concerned Ootacamund and Coonoor, from insolvency; or whether some other method, such as the levy of Octroi was not more desirable. On the latter point at the last Council meeting the Hon'ble Mr. Forbes, on behalf of Government, made an unequivocal pronouncement against the imposition of Octroi. No alternative was left but to accept the Bill as it stood, with such minor additions and alterations as would be made to it by the Select Committee. This is precisely what has been done.

MR. NEWTON'S RETIREMENT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 23.

Mr. Newton the Superintending Engineer, Burma, now on furlough, has been permitted to retire from the service.

POONA DIVISIONAL RIFLE MEETING.

Best Scores at the Local Meetings.

POONA, JANUARY 23.

The Local Meetings of the Poona Divisional Rifle Meeting were held by the different units in the Division from the 15th of October up to the 31st of December and the results were known to-day.

A new departure was made at the Local Meetings by having separate competitions for all classes of shots, such as marksmen 1st class shots and 2nd class shots. The result has entirely justified the experiment, and it may be hoped that when this principal is applied to other Rifle Meetings the element of pot hunting will disappear. The Association has made another practical innovation by insisting that all competitors must fire with the Service Rifle exactly as it is issued to them and exactly as they would carry it on service. The again justified itself at the Local Meetings as it was used by the winner of the highest aggregate, Sergeant Dickeson of the Connaught Rangers, who made a score of 95 out of 105.

The Central Meeting will take place from the 4th to 9th of February, though now confined to the Poona Division it promises to be almost as big as the Original Bombay Presidency Rifle Meetings which were open to the whole of India.

THE Crusade against the foot-binding of women in China, which has for some years been carried on by Mrs. Archibald Little and a devoted band of lady coadjutors, has received such recognition among the Chinese themselves that it has been possible to hand the work over to a purely Chinese League called the *Tien-Tsu Hui*, or Anti-Foot-binding League, and this was done at a meeting held recently in Shanghai. A correspondent of the *North China Herald*, describing it, says that it was epoch-making in its significance and shows that the reform has long since passed the stage when it was referred to with ridicule, and has now won the approval of the highest and most influential in the land.

THE AMIR AT DELHI.

VISIT TO HUMAYUN'S TOMB.

An Amusing and Interesting Interview.

HINDUS AND BAKRI-ID.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

DELHI, JANUARY 22.

The Amir during his visit to Humayun's Tomb was pleased at noticing the improvements carried out in planting gardens and shrubbery around these memorials, many thousands of shrubs having been planted since last year in pursuance of the restoration and improvement scheme of Lord Curzon. A native gardener who was at work during the Amir's visit was the fortunate recipient of a royal gratuity of three sovereigns.

BRILLIANT ILLUMINATIONS.

The City is to be brilliantly illuminated during the Bakr-i-Id festival in honour of the Amir's Visit, and the Amir and entourage are to be garlanded and honoured on their departure.

During the Amir's Visit an Exhibition will be held at the Town Hall of industries peculiar to Delhi, notably the making of jewellery, ivory-carving, miniature painting on ivory, wood-carving metal work, embroidery, and gold lace work etc. Artizans will be shown at work, it being hoped that His Highness the Amir will be greatly entertained by such an impromptu Art Exhibition.

THE AMIR'S TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE.

Views of an Afghan Official.

At a recent interview with a very high Afghan official I asked him to account for the Amir's surprising technical knowledge which has already been abundantly manifested during the present tour. "Had His Highness an Encyclopedia Britannica in his Library?" I asked amusedly. "His Majesty has one" replied the official, "but it is never referred to." This with a lofty disappreciation of the world-wide benevolence on the part of Printing House Square, His Highness he desired me to understand, had really the gift of inspiration in common with the Builder of the Temple. He added: "The Amir has a splendid Library and access to the best written traditions of the Mahomedan Empire at its zenith. You English have little knowledge in comparison with that, and what you have is but a remembrance."

He spoke with manifest reluctance and an ever present sense of danger.

I left him to his prayers.

THE COW-KILLING REPORT.

Anent the present controversy regarding the killing of a hundred and one cows for the *Bakr-i-Id* by the Mahomedans I have verified that a letter was actually sent to the Amir at Agra by a local Government official proposing the celebration of the Amir's visit by a sacrifice of a hundred and one cows on the occasion of this festival. This being an irresponsible ebulition of Mahomedan sentiment, it evoked no sympathy on the Amir's part, His Highness intending apparently to deal with the communication on the lines anticipated.

The Amir does not, however, express himself in the language of Hebrew psalmody though his utterances require considerable editing.

Having had access to the best sources of information here, both Hindu and Mahomedan, I am able to assert that the responsible heads of both the communities know nothing of any proposal made to the Amir concerning such or any slaughter at the festival. I am moreover assured that for the past six years, at least, Hindu and Mahomedan relationships at Delhi have been most harmonious.

No doubt a wave of kind feeling has been evoked by the statement accredited to the Amir, which certainly coincided with his intention, though not explicitly expressed.

ARRIVAL AT AJMERE.

Visit to the Mayo College.

AJMERE JANUARY 23.

Arrangements had been made for two Specials for the Amir's trip to Ajmere, but at the eleventh hour the second Special was countermanded and the Amir left Delhi at 21·50 yesterday arriving at Ajmere at 8·33 this morning. The delay of nearly one hour in the departure from Delhi caused considerable inconvenience and dislocation in traffic arrangements the Amir not yet sufficiently appreciating the etiquette of punctuality where the busy train service is concerned. On arrival at Ajmere His Highness was met by the Hon'ble Mr. E. G. Colvin, Agent to the Governor General in Rajputana, the Commissioner and the Assistant Commissioner and other gentlemen including Rai Bahadur Seth Moolchand Nemichand whose private temple the Amir visited during the day. A Cavalry escort from Neemuch were in attendance.

At 9·30 the Amir proceeded in a motor car to Sarai of the prophet Khaji Muieddin Chisty; thence he visited the old Hindu temple Ahaydeen Jhopanda, remaining there until about noon. The Amir next visited Khwaza Durgah mosque where he donated Rs. 500 to the Mahomedan students of the Durgah, also giving presents to the Khadams. The next visit was to the beautiful lake at Anasagar. Decorations here were very artistic and included poetical inscriptions in Arabic on the marble Baradari.

The Amir then breakfasted and afterwards proceeded to the Mayo College which he inspected minutely and with exceeding interest as the college where sons of Indian Chiefs are educted. The Amir thence motored to the Railway State Workshops, first inspecting the engine works, then the building of carriages at the carriage works. The Amir evinced exceptional interest in the processes connected with steel manufacture.

The Amir was desirous of seeing Rajputana by day light but owing to exigencies, almost the entire journey of 550 miles through one of the wildest and most interesting tracts in India is convered by night, even a visit to so grandly picturesque and ancient a city as Jaipur being omitted. The country bordering the rail presents a most flourishing condition and Rajputs impress the visitor as being a stringly happy and prosperous race.

HINDU-MAHOMEDAN ASSOCIATION FORMED.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

DELHI, JANUARY 22.

A representative gathering of some Hindus and Mahomedans was held at the Town Hall at Delhi, last night, Rai Bahadur Sri Krishen Das presiding, when a Joint Permanent Committee was formed with mixed Hindu and Mahomedan officers to cooperate in a catholic spirit in smoothing all possible causes of religious friction.

The Association is non-political but social, and represents a striving for the higher intellectual union of both communities. Its officers include Rai Bahadur Lala Sheo Persbad, President; Vice-President, Khan Sahib Hakim Ajmul Khan, with the late Headmaster Rai Bahadur Piyari Lal as Secretary.

The Association deals immediately with the Amir's Visit to Delhi in a right public spirit.

THE AMIR'S FONDNESS FOR CHILDREN.

Souvenir to Miss O'Hallaran.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, JANUARY 23.

The Amir's fondness of children is well known. A graceful illustration of this trait was afforded during a short halt of his train recently at Umballa. Seeing on the platform a pretty little girl of about nine years of age, His Highness asked her father, Captain O'Hallaran of Simla who was with her, that she might be allowed to come into his carriage.

The child having entered the carriage the Amir spoke very kindly to her and requested her to write her name and address saying that he wanted it in case he should ever wish to write to her. He then presented her two gold mohurs and two Afghan gold coins telling her that as she was the first little girl who visited him he wished the coins be made into a brooch to commemorate that event.

As the train was now in motion the child was hurriedly handed to her father by Major Bird, who said he was commissioned by the Amir to repeat the request as regards the brooch.

PROGRAMME AT CALCUTTA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 23.

Among the places His Highness the Amir will visit during his stay in Calcutta, will be the Zoological Gardens, H. M's Mint, the Cassipore Gun Foundry, the Ishapur Rifle Factory and the Kidderpur Docks.

PUBLIC MOTOR SERVICE.

Rawalpindi to Murree.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, JANUARY 23

The public service of motors between Rawalpindi and Murree has been established for next summer by an English concern styled the Punjab Motor Transport Company.

This will certainly be a great boon to travellers who on this particulars route hitherto have thrust upon them, in addition to the usual discomfort of an Indian tonga, a spectacle of over-worked and galled ponies.

The cars are to be driven by English *chauffeurs* and the journey will take three and a half hours instead of ten. The cars are all being exported from England.

The Company propose extending their operations.

BENGAL JUTE INDUSTRY.

Company Dividends.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 23.

The Jute Industry still appears to be in a fairly flourishing state. The report of the Standard Jute Company says it is proposed to pay a dividend of 6 per cent. on preference shares and 14 per cent. on ordinary shares, that of the Union Jute Co. proposes 7 per cent. on preference shares and 16 per cent on ordinary and that of Dalhousie Jute Co. proposes 7 per cent. on preference and 10 per cent. on or dinary shares.

COAL MINING IN BENGAL.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 23.

The Gopalichuck Coal Co., after providing for a debenture interest, proposes to pay a dividend of 5 per cent. for the half year. This Company has already contracted for the sale of the greater portion of the output of 1907 at very remunerative rates.

GANGES BRIDGE COMMITTEE.

Further Evidence Taken.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 23.

The Ganges Bridge Committee sat again this morning, Mr. Harris of the Calcutta Trades Association gave evidence. He spoke of the vexatious delays and loss caused by transhipment.

To-morrow the Agent of the Bengal and North-Western Railway will be examined.

ALLEGED MURDER AND ROBBERY.

Accused Committed to the Sessions.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 23.

Yesterday, at the Sub-divisional Court, Pashirhat Hari Poddo Biswas was charged with the murder of two men and the robbery of Rs. 7,830 and was committed to the Sessions.

INVESTITURE DURBAR AT CALCUTTA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 23.

A Durbar for the presentation of Sanads to local recipients of the Birthday and New Year honours will be held in the Durbar Hall in Belvedere on the 19th February. Sir Andrew Fraser will preside.

LORD LAMINGTON'S VISIT TO CALCUTTA.

Arrives To-day.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 23.

Lord Lamington, accompanied by Mr. DuBoulay, Private Secretary, Major Lee, Military Secretary, and one A.D.C., arrives by the Bombay Mail at 6-33 p.m. to-morrow, and will stay at Government House as His Excellency's guests. The arrival will be private.

Colonel the Hon. L. and Lady Victoria Dawnay and Lady Ruby Elliot return to Calcutta to-morrow, by the Bombay Mail, from a short tour to Jaipur, Udaipur and Chitor.

The Ladies Elliot attended the garden party given at the fort by Sir R. and Lady Macdonald, this evening.

IMPERIAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Fixture of the Budget Day.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 23.

The Budget this year will be laid before the Viceroy's Council on Wednesday, March 20th, and the debate will take place on March 27th.

Friday the 29th being Good Friday occasioned the change in the Council day.

Press Communique.—The Financial Statement for 1907-8 will be presented on March 20th, 1907, and will be discussed in Council on the 27th idem.

MAHARAJA OF REWA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 22.

The Maharaja of Rewa will be granted a private interview by the Viceroy to-morrow afternoon and his Excellency will return the visit shortly afterwards.

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 23

His Excellency received an informal visit from the Maharaja of Rewah at 3 p.m. to-day, and returned His Highness's visit at 4 o'clock.

LORD WENLOCK'S RETURN TO MADRAS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, JANUARY 23.

Lord Wenlock who attended the Durbar at Agra in connection with the Amir's visit, returned to Madras yesterday evening from Calcutta *via* Waltair. His Lordship was accompanied by his sisters, the Hon'ble Mrs. Portman, the Hon'ble Mrs. Forbes, the Misses Lawley, Miss Martineau and Mrs. Gosling.

THE LATE SIR JAMES FERGUSSON.

Mahomedan Commemoration of the Governor,

THE "TELEGRAPH'S" ADVOCACY,

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

LAHORE, JAN. 23.

The Daily Telegraph says:—It is but fitting that the many services rendered to the Mahomedans of Bombay by the late Sir James Fergusson, when the Governor of Bombay should be commemorated, and for this reason we welcome the suggestion made by Munshi Abdul Karim to his fellow Moslems in Bombay. Some time has elapsed since Sir James Fergusson's Governorship but his sad death in the disastrous earthquake at Kingston should serve to recall to the present day Mahomedans a sense of their indebtedness to their former Governor."

THE ALIGARH COLLEGE.

Message of Welcome and Thanks.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

LAHORE, JANUARY 23.

At a public meeting the Hardoi Mahomedans sent the following telegram to the Amir:—"We, the Members of the Anjuman-i-Islamia of Hardoi and the loyal subjects of His Most Gracious Majesty the King-Emperor of India, on our behalf and on behalf of the public Mahomedan University of Hardoi, offer our heartiest welcome to the Royal guest His Majesty the Amir of Kabul to our province and seat of learning at Aligarh and wish His Majesty long life and prosperity."

The following reply was received:—"His Majesty the Amir Sahib is highly pleased with your telegram of welcome. He wishes that God may grant your prayers and honour to the Muslim community."

The Amir's reply was read out to the assembled Mussulmans after they had joined in prayers in the chief Mosque and it was received with enthusiasm.

DELHI GRADUATES' UNION.

Open to Europeans and Indians.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, JANUARY 23.

A Graduates' Union, open to graduate members of all Universities has been formed in Delhi. Its object is to promote social intercourse and fellowship between Europeans and Indian gentlemen. The Union, so far, has met with success and has already become a factor making for social unity in the City. Formality is, as far as possible, avoided and there is no subscription. Different members whose houses are large enough, act as hosts in turn and receive other members as their guests. The host of the evening is the president for the time being.

On the 17th of January a dinner was given at Maitland House at which over forty guests were present, including Mr. Jones, M.P., and Mr. Carter from Oxford.

MR. WHITE'S LEAVE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 23.

Mr. White the Chief Engineer and Secretary, Burma, proceeds on eight months' leave in March next and Mr. O. C. Lees will officiate in his place.

SIMLA CLERKS' ALLOWANCES.

Resolution to be Issued Shortly.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 23.

The Government of India will shortly issue a Resolution dealing with the Simla Clerks' Allowances. The Resolution will detail the allowances which are now proposed, and the Clerks will be allowed to elect whether they will take the new allowances or continue on the present scale.

TELEGPAPH COMMITTEE.

Sittings at Lahore.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, JANUARY 23.

Messrs Leslie, Porter, Maxwell and Lees of the Telegraph Committee arrived in Lahore on Wednesday evening. The first Meeting of the Committee is to take place to-morrow. The Meetings are being held in one of the small rooms of Montgomery Hall.

FACTORY LABOUR COMMITTEE.

Investigating the Calcutta Mills.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 23.

The Members of the Factory Labour Committee arrived at Calcutta on the 22nd instant. They will visit the Mills and take evidence in the neighbourhood of Calcutta.

PUISNE JUDGE FOR CALCUTTA.

Appointment of Mr. Edward E. Fletcher.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 23.

His Majesty the King Emperor has approved of the appointment of Mr. Ernest Edward Fletcher, Barrister-at-Law of Lincolns Inn, to be a Puisne Judge of the Calcutta High Court *vice* Mr. Justice Bodilly resigned.

BOMBAY DIOCESAN CONFERENCE.

Memo by the Bishop.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

Sir,—May I through the medium of your paper, remind your readers who are members of the Church of England that our Diocesan Conference which meets every three years will be held in the Masonic Hall, which has been kindly placed at our disposal, on February the 6th, 7th and 8th.

There will be some who are living up-country, who are members of the Conference, and who would be glad to come if hospitality were given to them. It should be grateful if those in Bombay who would be willing to give them hospitality for these days would kindly let the Rev. W. A. Dickins, Acting Archdeacon (Waudby Road) know so that he can arrange for them.—Yours, etc.

W. R. BOMBAY.

Poona, January 22.

PLAYS AND PASTIMES.

THE ZANZIGS.

Another Revival.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

LONDON, JANUARY 4.

THE most striking feature of the "Antony and Cleopatra" revival at His Majesty's is its gorgeousness. Splendour and lavishness in production is the dominant note struck throughout the production from the moment the curtain rises on the solitary mysterious figure of the sphynx looking out with her world weary smile into infinity. The noble poem is throughout habited in the costliest raiment. Each scene is a magnificent achievement in its style. All the dresses are splendid and happily, one may say, the acting, at least in parts, reaches the same high standard. Unfortunately one cannot describe Mr. Tree's Antony as anything but a qualified success. Nature has not been altogether kind to him in this matter. He has not the manner of the noble Roman, at least as we imagine him to have been; he has not the stature nor the voice, not even the dignity. Still he gives the magnificent lines that are put into his mouth full value in the more rhetorical passages and throughout he acts with earnestness and resource. But the gestures are too florid, the roses are too big ones! He owns some wonderful uniforms, appearing particularly resplendent in one set of blue and golden armour, with a vermillion crested helmet. As Cleopatra Miss Constance Collier does what few actresses have done in our time. She looks the part. She has all the dark and terrible beauty that one associates with "the serpent of old Nile" and some of the magic witchery and the personal glamour. At any rate the play is a triumph for the principal actress. This success is not altogether unexpected, Miss Collier's past record has long ago effectively demonstrated to intelligent play-goers how fine an artist she is in characters of tragic intensity.

A NEW THEATRE.

During the week a new theatre has been opened in Shaftesbury Avenue. It is called "The Hicks Theatre" after that very energetic and resourceful star of the light comedy stage, Mr. Seymour Hicks. The property, as I understand, of Mr. Charles Frohman; London's latest playhouse enjoys an exceedingly handsome and comfortable interior. Upholstered in warm "Rose du Barry" colourings the decorations throughout are executed in cream and gold. The stage itself is large and commedious and should be fit for the most elaborate productions. At the present moment Mr. Seymour Hicks is there himself as chief attraction, having brought with him that exceedingly popular young lady "The Beauty of Bath" from the Aldwych Theatre. Miss Ellaline Terriss sings and acts just as charmingly as ever. The ladies of the chorus are still notable as examples of feminine beauty, and, last but not least, Mr. Hicks still rushes through his part at that breakneck speed so peculiar to himself.

THE ZANZIGS

The most momentous question of the moment would seem to be, By what means is thought transference possible? The entire discussion has arisen out of the performance of Mr. and Mrs. Zanzig at the Alhambra Music Hall. This lady and gentleman give an exhibition of thought transference. Mr. Zanzig claims that he can transfer any thought from his brain to his wife's. At the Alhambra he passes amongst the audience, is shown various articles by different persons, enquiries from his wife, who is seated behind a screen on the stage, the character of these objects, and invariably receives a correct reply. Mrs. Zanzig will read the number on a bank note that her husband holds in his hand. Some portions of the peformance is really remarkable, but I doubt whether it ever would have reached its present extraordinary notoriety had not Mr. Zanzig claimed that he worked with telepathy, transplanting his thoughts to his wife. The *Daily Mail* and Mr. W. T. Stead, both accepted this explanation; scientists and members of the Psychical Research Society were interviewed on the subject, while the *Mail* devoted leading articles, and columns of space and their contents bills every day to discussions on the marvellous telepathic gifts of the Zanzigs. All went merrily as a marriage bell until suddenly the *Daily Chronicle* opened its guns and fired a broadside at the rival paper. The *Chronicle* asserts that all that the Zanzigs perform is the result of trickery. They use a code by which Mr. Zanzig's signals to his wife. The suggestion of telepathy is ridiculed. The *Mail* however sticks to its former assertions and contends that the code theory cannot be substantiated and so the two papers return to the attack day after day, whilst all the world stares at the phenomenon of two leading London daily newspapers attacking one another in their leading articles and on their placards over the bona fides of a music hall turn! Such a spectacle is witnessed now one would imagine for the first time in history. Meanwhile, needless to say, the Alhambra is crowded to suffocation every night.

NEW HARLEQUINADE.

That very dainty and delightful child of fortune "The Belle of May fair" is still drawing enormous audiences to the Vaudeville. As a special attraction for the Christmas months an old fashioned harlequinade, such as one used to always find in pantomime, has been introduced into the second act. The dawn is no less a person than that fine old veteran actor, Mr. Arthur Williams, whilst sweetly pretty Miss Bilbie Burke is Columbine. All the stars of the play take part in the little novelty and seem to thoroughly enjoy the rough and tumble fun of the proceedings. Many topical allusions are introduced in the good old fashioned manner, references to the Education Bill, the suffragists, and many other topics. As a novelty the little trifle must be voted a distinct success, although I am forced to confess that many of the artists appear more than a little amateurish in their new surroundings. However Miss Louie Pounds make a wholly delightful fairy queen, whilst her brother, Mr. Courtice Pounds is an amusing and energetic policeman. Towards the conclusion "the Gibson Girl," Miss Camille Clifford, appears dressed in Pompadour fashion with a powdered wig. She dances a minuet with a tiny child, garbed as Cupid, who might very well have served as an ornament on a wedding cake,

SPORT.

The defeat of the South Africans by Wales has brought a memorable tour to a somewhat inglorious conclusion. The game was fought out under terrible conditions on a playing pitch that had practically been reduced to a pool of mud. Nevertheless the visitors were, I think, fairly beaten on their merits. They will take from England the hearty good wishes and affectionate remembrances of all good and true sportsmen. They proved themselves doughty foemen and always played in highest spirit of sportmanship and fair play. These international encounters between the men of the mother country and teams from the Colonies deserve in every way to be encouraged. They serve more than one purpose. They help to popularise the game of Rugbby football, and also to tend towards a closer understancing and relationships between the peoples they represent. So all good luck to the South Africans; May they visit us again shortly and on the next occasion be stronger than ever.

R. C.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

The following appears in Divisional Orders by Lieut.-General G. L. R. Richardson C. B., C. S. I., C. I. E., Commanding 6th (Poona) Division:—Poona dated 22nd January. Camps Instructions.—Before the disposal of the troops to their quarters the General Officer Commanding has much pleasure in informing all the officers and men who have taken part in the Manœuvres that His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief has expressed his satisfaction at the zeal and willingness shown by the troops and the good work they have done. He considers the the Scheme set has been ably worked out and that many valuable lessons can be learnt from the inspection of the defences. He also points out that on service the Infantry will have to rely on their own knowledge of the means of obtaining cover, as the Engineers will seldom be available to supervise the work.

The General Officer Commanding thanks all ranks of the Division, also the attached Officers of the Indian Staff College, and hopes the lessons learnt will not be forgotten and that Officers Commanding Units will take this opportunity of showing all under their Command the different description of cover that can be made

NOTES ON INDIAN INTERESTS.

Thoughts by a Native Thinker.

RELATIONS OF EUROPEANS AND NATIVES.

Speaking lately before a London audience, Dr. Pellen contradicted the prevalent impression among Natives that Englishmen in India are not the same as Englishmen in England. He insisted that it was wrong to imagine that Englishmen, who were brought up by English mothers to reverence truth and honour, suddenly changed their character when transported to an Indian sky. I quite admit that the English character in its fundamentals does not, can not, change. But the Englishman is changed in his feelings in relation to the Natives. He is not inspired by the same amiability and sympathy that he feels for them at home. But here, he feels that he has a certain role to perform in the midst of a conquered and inferior race. He daily grows more sensitive to the importance of maintaining *prestige*. The influence of his club and his society, added to his national reserve and insularity, keep him aloof from a people who share with him nothing but a common humanity. The natural tendency towards divergence is aggravated by mutual misunderstanding and prejudice, and a great deal more by the insolent aggressiveness of political extremists on the one side, and by the advocates of a stern and unflinching despotism on the other. Yes, there is at least some truth in the popular impression that the Englishman on this side of Suez is a different parson from the Englishman at home. We all are influenced by our environments. We all are liable, more or less, to succumb to our surroundings, and the average Englishman is no exception to this inevitable law of nature. It has always occurred to me that the ruling race has everywhere a price to pay in return for the advantages of domination it enjoys. The Spaniards subjugating the American Indians, paid a terrible price in the shape of moral degradation. It is due to the sturdy moral nature of the Englishman, to the innate sense of justice and fair play which is mingled with his love of power that has saved him from being spoilt by dominion exercised over a broad expanse of the world. Only that the fine essence and aroma of his nature is lost by contact with subject races. It is but natural that refined and cultivated Indians should feel the sense of racial inferiority acutely, because individually they can hold their own with Europeans. They deplore the absence of sympathy and social intercourse. Englishmen, on their part, are fond of saying, "you wish for social intercourse with us, while you keep your women locked up at home!" If this plea is sincere, those who put it forward are simply deceiving themselves. If the women were free to move about, will the Englishman directly throw off his reserve, as if that were the only insuperable bar to the exercise of social amenities? I think not. Do what you may, the two races are so widely distinct that anything like a general commingling is impossible. The experiment of mixed clubs is tried here and there. There is one such in Bombay. Has it acheived any conspicuous success? All this is extremely sad to think of. But it cannot be helped, save that the best and loftiest natures on both sides can do something towards dissipating mutual misunderstanding, and fostering the growth, as far as it is humanly possible, of mutual sympathy. The whole question is as complicated as it is many sided and comprehensive. We may feel; we may mourn; but there it will remain, I fear for ever.

THE AMIR AND COW-SLAUGHTER.

The Amir is winning golden opinions everywhere. I was not prepared, indeed, for so much enlightenment and good sense, such consideration and kindliness from him. Under such a monarch Afganistan has something to hope for, and the country may yet take a step or two onward along the path of progress while he is the Ruler of its destinies. His admonition to the Moslems of Delhi, who wanted to kill a hundred cows in his honour on the *Eed* festival, turns out to be a myth, and a very pretty legend on which I had based an edifying homily is spoilt. No such offer had been made to the Amir, and the Mahomedans of Delhi are indignant at the report. "Slay goats if you will, till the rivers run blood": so ran the kingly commandment, according to the mythical report—"but if so much as a cow is given unto slaughter, I shall turn my face from you and from Delhi for ever." This was rather hard upon goats, but it was particularly kind to cows, and therefore the Hindoos were joyful. In the overflow of their gratitude some of them had suggested the endowment of scholarships for Mahomedans only to be given in the name of the Amir. I think the proposal will now be quietly dropped. A Bengali newspaper pointed the moral in its own way. It belauded the Amir for doing, with the judicious employment of a few words, what the British Government had failed to accomplish after a hundred and fifty years of rule. The mind which perceives an analogy between two sets of circumstances having nothing in common between them must be hopelessly warped and bigotted. The counsel of perfection attributed to the Amir would have been given by him as an individual in an individual instance only. It would have been merely an expression of personal good-will having no legal effect. The case is materially altered when such a pronouncement is translated into a legal enactment. The Mahomedans who would respect the personal wishes of a monarch of their own faith would certainly resent the intervention of a foreign Government as an arbitrary interference with their religion. If we had been under the rule of an absolute despot, he might have fulminated any decree at his own unfettered will. Regardless of policy or principle he interdicted cow slaugther quite as readily as he might have hung the heads of obnoxious agitators on poles in the market square as a grim warning to others. Certain people ought to be thankful that the British Government, although a mild despotism, is based on law and constitution. On this vexed question of cow-killing I am afraid there is bigotry and fanaticism on both sides. While Mahomedans, where feeling runs high, wantonly lacerate the feelings of their Hindoo neighbours by performing the hateful sacrifice in an obtrusive manner, the Hindoos are ready to retaliate by indulging freely in a distracting musical demonstration in front of mosques. This is a matter, not so much for Government intervention, as it is for the leaders of both the communities to teach their erring brethren that it is really irreligious to hate one another for the love of God.

A PARSI GENERAL HOSPITAL.

I was glad to read the announcement in the papers that Mr. Jehangeer B. Petit has succeeded in collecting close upon seven lakhs of rupees for a Parsi General Hospital. The project has been before the community, off and on, for the last twenty-five years, but in view of the very large sum required for its fulfilment, it never went much beyond the deliberative stage. Now that there is a fair chance of the hospital becoming an accomplished fact, there is a rival scheme, fathered by Dr. Masina, inviting the support of the Parsis. Mr. Petit and Dr. Masina first entered into negotiations with the view of placing a joint scheme, before their coreligionists. The negotiations having failed, each might have gone his own way. But both being anxious to vindicate their own position, an acrimonious controversy took place, in which each side accused the other of misrepresentation and perversion of facts. Mutual jealousy and antagonism are the bane of many an Indian enterprise. The personal encounter in the present case has no interest for the public and I do not feel called upon to speak as to its merits. But it concerns the community in that it divides between two schemes the resources which had best be centred in one. The Parsis do not want two General Hospitals. They can scarcely afford to have two, endowed and equipped up to the standard of efficiency maintained in similar institutions in Europe. It is far better to have one good hospital than two run against each other with indifferent success. From the liberal support given to Mr. Petit's scheme, I think it stands a far better chance of being started at an early date than Dr. Masina's venture. Is it too much still to hope that both these men may combine and work in harmony for the general good?

A BLOW TO USURY.

The judgment delivered by Mr. Justice Davar in the suit on a promissory note by a firm of Marwaris will appeal particularly to "the great race" of borrowers. It is not for me to say whether it is sound in law or not. But to the layman, its equity and justice are beyond question, and if it were reversed by a higher tribunal on

appeal, then the borrower might well exclaim, "the law is a hass." The judgment will give a rude shock to shylocks. The impression that they could exact their pound of flesh, if it is so written in the bond, is knocked on the head, as well as another notion prevalent among them that they have only to bring a suit triable by the Small Causes Court to the High Court, in order to obtain a decree for the immediate recovery of the full amount in place of the payment by small instalments usually ordered by the other Court. Instead of the 60 and 75 per cent charged for two loans given to the debtor, the learned Judge has allowed only 24 per cent, which I should think is quite as much as any usurer might desire. He has reduced the rate of interest on the ground that the agreement came within the meaning of an "unconscionable transaction," in which the lender was in a position to dominate the will of the helpless borrower. If the law will not allow the Marwari to charge interest beyond a certain rate, then this astute gentleman will know how to circumvent the law by various other means, and he will be in as good a position as ever to dominate the will of his victim. It must be conceded that the Marwari charges exorbitant interest mostly where the credit of the borrower has been very nearly exhausted and his personal security is of the slenderest. Mr. Davar opposes this plea by saying that it is open to the Marwari in such cases to refuse a loan. This, again, will be hard upon a certain class of borrowers, and those not of the most honest description, who would rather have a loan at 75 per cent interest, than none at all.

A WORD FOR THE MARWARI.

The Marwari is not a popular member of society, but he is a useful member, after all. He is the poor man's resource, and accommodates him with a loan on mere personal security even where the risk of losing it, interest and all, is by no means small. He allows the element of speculation to enter into his transactions and calculates the odds, just as the bookmaker does at the race-course. I behold in him some redeeming features, because it may be that, luckily for me, I have had no occasion to study him at close quarters. But from all accounts, he is fairly reasonable with his regular clients, and he rarely presses the honest debtor hard. Every Marwari is not an inhuman blood-sucker, as every debtor is not an honest man reduced to borrowing, through no fault of his own. The borrower is often thriftless and extravagant, and without any definite notion of his ability to repay, he "sets forth, like some Alexander, upon his great enterprise, borrowing and to borrow." It was an excellent advice, that of Polonius—"Neither a lender nor a borrower be." But while the human species is composed, as Lamb put it in one of his charmingly whimsical essays, of two distinct races, the men who borrow, and the men who lend, it is impossible to make this advice of universal application. It would not be possible, in that case, for Society to exist. The Marwari must, therefore, live for himself, as well as others. If he is an evil, it is an evil as necessary as that which drives people, honest and otherwise, to borrow. The one is but a corollary of the other.

DION.

BOMBAY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

A meeting of the members will be held to-day afternoon at the Society's Rooms at 6, Apollo Street at 6 p.m. when the following papers will be read :—

1. A few notes on Indian Fungi with illustrations and specimens, by Lieut.-Col. K. R. Kirtikar, I.M.S. (retd).
2. A new Krait from Oudh (*Bungarus walli*), by Captain F. Wall, C.M.Z.S., I.M.S.
3. Some new Asian Snakes, by Captain F. Wall, C.M.Z.S., I.M.S.
4. Note on the Arabian Gazelle, by Major S. E. Prall, I.M.S.
5. The Flying Squirrel (*Pteromys inornatus*) and Walunts by Mr. C. H. Donald.

THE WEATHER.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY 23RD JANUARY.

SUMMARY.

Pressure changes show a brisk to rapid fall in Sind Rajputana, Central India and at Yamnagar, Rajkot Cawnpore, Saugor, Jubbulpore, Hoshangabad, Khandwa Nagpur, Akola, Surat and Malegaon, and a slight rise or fall elsewhere.

Winds continue variable in direction and the force has been fresh at Negapatam and Karachi and moderate to light elsewhere.

Temperature.—The variations of the maximum show an excess of 5° to 8° in several places to the north of latitude 20°, while those of the minimum a defect of 5° to 6° at Madras, Bijapur, Poona, Nagpur and Hoshangabad and an excess of 5° to 16° in Sind and at Ajmere, Rajkot and Saugor. The highest temperature in the shade was 92° at Bellary and the lowest 16° at Jubbulpore.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is cloudy to overcast at Cochin, Neemuchi, Veraval, Bhavnagar Para, Deesa, Jaipur, Karachi and Allahabad.

Rain—Nil.

Weather is unsettled over the country lying to the north of latitude 20°.

N. LESLIE,
Meteorologist, Bombay.

RECORD IN BANK CLEARINGS.

The summary of London bank clearings for the past year issued by Mr. Martin Holland the hon. secretary to the London Bankers' Clearing House, indicate to what an unexampled extent the business of this country is conducted without recourse to coin or banknotes.

No mind can conceive what a total of 12,711,000,000*l.* means. The imagination cannot even fully realise the magnitude of 423,339,000*l.*, by which that total exceeds the figure for the preceding year. The daily averages are nearly as bewildering, showing, as they do, an average daily overturn which has gradually risen on ordinary business days from about 10,000,000*l.* to 16,500,000*l.*

A single day's clearing of debits and credits on a Stock Exchange pay day involves transactions aggregating in recent years from 31,000,000*l.* to 57,000,000*l.* Last year the average, owing to the decrease in Stock Exchange business, particularly in the second half of the year, was only 47,743,000*l.*, and practically the whole of that transfer of bankers' money is effected by means of cheques.

One of the most satisfactory incidents of the year's business was the increase of 59,628,000*l.* in the country cheque clearing, showing not only how the business of the provinces is developing, but also the effects of the closing of the Newcastle and Northern Counties Clearing Agency. In connection with this growth of country business it will be interesting to all customers of banks to learn that on Feb. 19 next, the metropolitan clearing will be inaugurated.

Under that system the area of town, metropolitan and country cheques will be clearly defined and before long the letters T., M., and C., denoting respectively the three clearings, will be found in the left hand corner of all clearing bankers' cheques.

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SPORTING NEWS.

CALCUTTA GOLF CLUB.

The Lansdowne Gold Medal.

THE competition for this handsome trophy was brought to a conclusion on Saturday on the maidan. The conditions of play were as usual two rounds medal play under handicap.

A large number of members competed and some 32 cards were handed in. At the close of the play the cards were examined and it was then found that Major Hedley and Mr. D. H. Brakenridge had tied for first place with scores of 80 nett, while Mr Alex Mann was third with 81 from scratch. Considering the hard state of the ground Major Hedley's score of 80 from scratch is a very fine performance and included a 38 in his first round. Mr. Mann also put in 38 for one round. Both these scores count for the Cashmere Cup tieing with Mr. Sinclair who put in the same score in a previous competition.

The tie for first place between Major Hedley and Mr. Brakenridge will be played off during next week. The latter is a new golfer in Calcutta and is showing some talent from the limit mark.

The following are the best scores handed in. The handicapping throughout shows excellent results :—

	Totol.	Hop.	Nett.
Major W E Hedley ...	80	scr	80*
D H. Brakenridge ...	94	14	80
Alex Mann ...	81	scr	81
J Hampson ...	92	10	82
K B Dunlop ...	88	scr	83
Vincent Smyth ...	97	14	83
C L Sandes ...	97	14	83
E H Townend ...	84	scr	84
R W Williamson ...	90	6	84
Alex Duff ...	32	8	84
B Severs ...	92	8	84
J A Tassie ...	93	9	84
C T Biath ...	93	8	85
John Y Philip ...	99	14	85
C W H Dunlop ...	91	5	66
Lieut W L Kidner ...	96	10	86
T P Stewart ...	97	11	86
John Crawford ...	98	12	86
A B Simpson ...	100	11	86
R H Godwin ...	100	14	86
A J W Christie ...	100	14	86
G B Merry ...	92	5	87
John Davenport ...	97	10	87
Robs Graham ...	101	14	87
Lt-Col E J Drury ...	93	5	88
J M Davenport ...	94	6	88
E A Lyon ...	94	4	90
Hon Mr R W Carlyle ...	97	7	90
A Bickmyre ...	96	5	91
L T Carmichael ...	97	6	91
Norman Birrel ...	106	14	92

*Tied for the medal.

THE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT.

During the next two weeks the final ties of the largest Football Tournament which has ever been held in India will be fought out in Calcutta. The tournament has been open to all Station Regimental Companies of R. G. A. Batteries or Brigade Division of R. H. A. or R. F. A., Volunteer, or other Clubs in the Northern, Eastern or Western Commands, Secunderabad Division and Burma Division. The entries closed on the 15th November and 40 regimental and other teams entered.

The up-country ties have been played off in each Division at the most central and suitable station and the local ties in Calcutta.

The final ties began yesterday and amongst the up-country regiments taking part in the finals will be :—the Gordon Highlanders; the Queens; the Glosters; the Manchester Regiment; the East Surrey Regiment; the Durham Light Infantry; the Royal Scots; the Warwicks; the Royal Irish Rifles.

ALL-INDIA HOCKEY ASSOCIATION.

Tournament Fixed For February.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, JANUARY. 23.

The success of the All-India Hockey Association Tournament during the past three years has given this annual fixure at Allahabad a more or less assured position which it is not likely to lose easily. The date selected for the tournament this year is the 25th of February and already eleven teams have definitely sent in their names. A number of others from the nature of their enquiries also show a desire to enter.

The Naini Tal Volunteers who are the present holders have not as yet specified their intention of upholding their title to the Cup, but it is presumed that their name will be found among the list of competing teams.

The entries as at present received are as follows: Queens; the Royal Scots; the Fusiliers; the Royal Sussex; the South Lancashire; the 3rd Oxford Light Infantry; the 85th King's Light Infantry; Combined teams (6th Jats and 37th Dogras and 9th Infantry and 10th Jats); 1st Brahmans; the United Provinces Police and the Allahabad Gymkhana.

Mr. Ransford of the 9th Infantry stationed at Allahabad is the Secretary.

WHAT SUFFRAGETTES THINK OF HOLLOWAY.

Horror of "Black Maria."

THE 10 suffragists who on Dec. 18 were committed to Holloway gaol for a fortnight in default of paying a fine of 20s. imposed on them for creating a disturbance outside the House of Commons, were released. They had much to say of their Christmas in gaol. "It was an inferno," said one of the ladies.

Mrs. J. Baines, of Stockport, and Miss Chatterton, of Manchester, were in hospital all the time. They like the food, but objected to the company. "There was one woman who had drowned her baby, four attempted suicides, as well as other wretched folk," said Mrs. Baines. "I was heartbroken from the time I went in until I came out. The hospital is worse for as womenfolk than the cells."

Miss Chatterton, in describing her experiences, said she was in the observation ward, where were congregated murderers and suicides with the rest. "Ugh," she added, "it was awful. Wardresses were there all the time watching us. The poker was removed, and not even a needle was permitted to remain in the ward. I was very ill in bed, but I could not sleep. Just opposite me was a girl of 17, who had taken poison." She emphasised the kindness of the wardresses. "I have been in ordinary infirmaries," she said, "but have never been treated so well. We were treated by them like ladies."

With the exception of Mrs. Steel, who had gained 2lb. in weight, all the women were lighter by a few pounds than when they entered Holloway. "Indeed," said Miss Woodlock, "I would advise all ladies troubled with superfluous tissue to visit Holloway. I am pleased to say I have lost three pounds, and I never felt better in my life." Speaking of the fare, Miss Woodlock said the Christmas' dinner was "a filthy mess not fit for pigs." All the women complained of the icy atmosphere of the cells. "Had it not been for the gas," said Nurse Smith, "I am sure I should not have survived." They were regular attenders at chapel, which they visited 17 times "to break the monotony." "I cannot condemn strongly enough," added Miss Woodlock, "the scandalous treatment we received in the prison van on the way from Rochester-row to Holloway. In the dreadful 'Black Maria' were 17 prisoners and attendants. The atmosphere was like what one imagines that the black-hole of Calcutta must have been. I was nearly suffocated, and told the rude monster of an attendant—I know his number—that if he did not open the window I would smash it. Each prisoner has a little compartment in which there is not room to turn. Besides we 10, there were four men and three undesirable women. At Pentonville we changed vans. That ride was a greater ordeal than the incarceration in goal.

From River house, Upper-mall, Hammersmith, Mrs. Cobden-Sanderson writes :—"Sir,—I beg to call the attention of the Home Office to the insufficient heating of the cells in Holloway prison, and the consequent suffering to the prisoners. At the present time, in the infirmary cells, where sick prisoners are kept, the theremometer stands at 54 deg., and in ordinary cells it is at 50 deg. and the hospital wards are cold. In the name of all women who are in prison—and in prison for disobeying laws which they have no voice in making and no power to alter—I protest against the present inhuman system of our prisons, of which this is only one example.

THE INDO-BRITISH INSTITUTION.

Annual Prize-Giving.

The annual distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Indo-British Institution was held last evening at the premises of the Institution in Hornby Road, Bombay, the Hon. Mr. E. M. H. Fulton presiding. There was a large attendance of ladies and gentlemen taking interest in the institution.

The proceedings opened with a programme of music, and drill which was excellently rendered by the pupils. Prizes were then given away by Mrs Du Boulay.

The Rev. J. Loughton the honorary Secretary read the report of the managing Committee for the past year. It stated that considerable progress had been achieved and there were signs of healthy growth in all departments. During the latter part of the year the financial aspect was anything but hopeful and the year closed with a balance of Rs. 879, which was insufficient to pay the monthly bills. The receipts showed an increase which was largely accounted for by the fact that the G. I. P. Railway had purchased a further nomination, and the B. B. and C. I. Railway had also purchased a nomination, amounting in all to Rs. 8,230. The committee also received Rs. 2,000 from the estate of the late Mrs. Hougbland through her executors towards the endowment fund of the institution. The school was inspected by Mr. Covernton, who expressed himself pleased with the work of the pupils. He said: "On the whole I am of opinion that the classes are considerably better informed, and the work better organised than last year. Building and equipment, adequate; attendance, good; staff, adequate in numbers and capable, though not highly qualified; education, considerably improved and satisfactory; discipline, good; and physical exercise, good." It was very much hoped that the institution would receive and enhanced grant from Government, in consideration of the improvement in the education given and the extra expense incurred. The school was examind in religious knowledge on December 13th by the Rev. J Loughton and as usual the children had done well. The two boys who appeared for the Bombay University Matriculation examination, were both successful, and occupied the proud position of being the first pupils of the institution who had passed that examination. The health of the children on the whole had been good. Both the boys and girls had been encouraged to take adequate physical exercise and had benefitted much. The boys played cricket, football and hockey while the girls had become very skilful in calisthenics and had been encouraged much to skip. The cadet corps had maintained both its numbers and efficiency. At the annual inspection by the Inspector General of Volunteers 18 cadets were present, the General Officer expressed himself as pleased. The ladies' committee had helped very much to improve the domestic efficiency of the institution by carefully supervising all that came under that head, and there was a brighter appearance about the school and the scholars, which was marked by the Government Inspector, and for this most important result, the managing committee were very grateful to the ladies' committee. The new scheme for the training of the elder girls of the institution to become children's nurses, and so find employment in refined houses, was drawn up by the ladies committee and having been heartily endorsed by the managing committee was forwarded to Government for sanction, which had been accorded and the training class began on January 18th, 1907, with four girls. It was strongly felt that this was a step in the right direction, whereby the girls, when they left school, would be able to earn their own living and be useful members of Society. The Rev J. Loughton had lately arrived from England and had taken up the duties of Honorary Secretary, while Mr. Thompson still very kindly held the post of Honorary Treasurer, and both would be happy at all times to acknowledge cheques on behalf of the children. The committee desired to express their great appreciation of the services rendered to the institution by the Rev Mr. Leahy during the time he was honorary secretary, and to say that in their opinion the institution was under a great debt to him for the good work he had done and the great interest he had always shown in the welfare of the institution. The year closed with 139 pupils on the rolls, of which 60 were boarders in the boys' school, 35 boarders in the Girls School and the remainder were day-scholars. The schools were, therefore, full, and this fact alone bore eloquent witness to the great necessity, for the existence of the institution, and that those who had the management were fulfilling their solemn trust.

The Chairman in addressing the meeting said he was first introduced to this school in 1871 when it was in the Old Sonapur lane, and now when he came that afternoon to say good-bye to it, he found that it had prospered very greatly. During the thirty-five years that had intervened between his original acquaintance with this institution and that day he had seen it pass through various vicissitudes. At one time the prospect looked so gloomy that Bishop Milne thought that the institution should be closed altogether. But the times had now changed, and they no more heard a suggestion of that kind. No doubt, the treasurer had still to contend against difficulties, but they were of no importance, because this school had always managed to get on from month to month depending on the unfailing liberality of a large section of the European population, whose subscriptions came in with wonderful regularity. It was, indeed, very gratifying to him who had been so long connected with the institution to find that it was in such a highly prosperous condition at present. As to the report read before them he thought he might say without any exaggeration that it was the best he had heard in that school. The fact that the school had made an all-round progress proved that the present management was very satisfactory. He congratulated the teaching staff on the satisfactory results of their work during the past year, and Miss Short on the successful manner in which she taught drill to the children. In conclusion, he wished increased success to the institution in future years. (Applause).

On the motion of Rev. Mr, Dickins, seconded by by Mr. G. Lund, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs. Du Boulay and Mr. Fulton.

The proceedings then terminated.

ATTEMPT TO ROB A CEYLON MAIL.

Brave Conduct of a Porter.

A porter of Gampola, returning from Colombo by the night mail of the 15th, observed near Hunupitiya a man on the foot-board of the train a few carriages ahead. He found him paying close attention to the first class compartment beside him. Near Veyangoda he made several attempts to open the door. Suspecting him to be bent on mischief, the porter hailed him but was not answered. On his repeating his call, the man came and caught him by the hair and hands and pulled him into his compartment. On being questioned, the man said he was in a hurry to go to Kandy and as the train started he jumped on the foot-board. The other two passengers in the porter's compartment told the porter that the compartment the man was attempting to open contained their master, a gentleman connected with the Bank of Uva, along with whom they were carrying a large sum of money from a Colombo Band. The man had observed this and followed the gentleman. The man was handed over to the Guard and Stationmaster at Veyangoda. This porter, Shaik Mohideen, at the recent floods at Gampola, was instrumental in saving the Stationmaster when up to his neck in water. Such acts of bravery should receive special recognition. When the porter asked for the man's ticket, he refused to show it. On the man being searched, no ticket was found—only a clasp-knife and a pair of scissors.

GOOD YEAR FOR THE REVENUE.

THE revenue for the three-quarters of the financial year which ended on Monday amounted to 98,098,293*l.* an increase of 1,750,681*l.* on the previous year. The revenue paid into the Exchequer in the quarter ended on Monday was 31,782,113*l.*, under these chief heads :—

Customs: 8,708,000*l.*, decrease 681,000*l.* Excise: 8,790,000*l.* increase 240,000*l.* Estates, &c., Duties: 3,360,000*l.*, increase 12,000*l.* Stamps: 2,120,000*l.*: decrease 80,000*l.* House Duty: 90,000*l.*, decrease 20,000*l.* Property and Income Tax: 2,200,000*l.*, decrease 30,000*l.*

THE B.S.P.C.A.—During the month of December last 1 Buffalo 8 bullocks were sent to the Pinjrapole as being unfit for works, at the instauce of the Agents of the Bombay Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, with the permission of the Presidency Magistrates and with the consent of the Owners; while 4 horses and 99 bullocks were sent to the Bai Sakarbai Dinsha Petit Hospital for Animals at Parel for Curative treatment during the last month 238 offenders were fined for cruelty to their animals, 4 cartmen were fined for overloading their carts and 45 offenders were warned and discharged by the Magistrates.

THE NATIVE PRESS.

THE PROPOSED EXAMINATION HALL.

The Gujerati discourses :—Sir Cowasjee Jehangir Readymoney's offer of 2 1/4 lakhs of rupees for the erection of a Hall which will not only serve the purposes of an Examination Hall but other public and social purposes of a non-political character is worthy of the tradations of his family as well as those of his community. The Examination Pandal that is erected every year for the accomodation of candidates appearing at the annual examinations held by the University is almost an instrument of torture, and we should be glad if this ugly engine of mental and physical oppression were once for all all done away with. The conditions annexed to Sir Cowasji Jehangir's offer are not all open to serious objection. But we wish the generous donor had been more mindful of the right of the University to be consulted in the settlement of the whole scheme. The Bombay University has all along been treated by the local government with scant liberality and we hope Lord Lamington's administration will whip off the reproach by a generous response to the donor's request for cordial co-operation in carring out the proposed scheme of a well-equipped and spacious University Hall.

SIR GEORGE BIRDWOOD.

The *Parsi* referring to Sir George Birdwood's illness, remarks:—His Parsi friends in India will be sorry to learn that Sir George Birdwood has been lying seriously ill for some time past. On December 8th he attended a social afternoon gathering held in honour of his birth-day at St. John's Wood, and was bright and cheerful. For a fortnight or more after that he has been confined to his room. The present wintry weather will be against him, and though his vitality may once more pull him through and he may yet be spared to his family for some years, his friends can scarcely dare to hope for a full renewal of his manifold activities in the interests of India and her children. His labours for the public good and for the good of any friend whom he esteemed worthy of help, have kept him fully employed in the few years of retirement from official harness that have been granted him. Sir George is still well remembered in Bombay by his innumerable Parsi friends, though he left this city well-nigh forty years ago, and we earnestly pray for the restoration of this valued friend to comparative health,

THE POONA CADET CORPS.

The *Parsi* discourses :—We note with considerable satisfaction the further privilege obtained by Capt. Khumbatta for the Parsis of Poona for the admission of Parsi boys into the Poona Cadet Corps. Capt. Khambatta is an indefatigable worker in the cause of Parsi Volunteering in Poona which first came into being through his instrumentality and exertions. By the further concession obtained through his efforts, Parsi Boys of between 14 and 16 years of age can now be admitted into the ranks of Cadets. It is sincerely to be wished that full advantage will be taken of this concession by Parsi youths in the capital of the Deccan and that we may see more life and activity infused in Parsi Volunteering in that place.

THE SECOND INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE.

The *Praja Bandu* writes :—The address of the President of the second Industrial Conference the Hon. Mr. Vithaldas Damodar is an able and lucid document, and of an eminently practical character, and will well repay a calm and critical perusal. Its range is comprehensive, and its method of exposition clear and orderly. It touches upon all the prominent industrial matters of the day viz., the employment of foreign capital in our industries, Indian Banking, agricultural industry, mineral industry, cotton industry, sugar industry, jute industry and those of silk, paper and leather. The *swadeshi* movement, the labour question, education and the necessity of a general industrial survey also occupy his attention. On each of these he expresses his opinion in a clear way.

AN ALLEGED "PROSPERITY BUDGET."

The "*Kaiser-i-Hind* remarks :—Having played his own sweet music the week previous, the Chairman of the Standing Committee found himself on Thursday last in the position of being the involuntary auditor of the discordant music set up by more than one Councillor in reference to his "Prosperity Budget." The refrain of all who took part in that performance was but one and one only, namely, that the Chairman had, unwittingly or not, in baptising what was in reality a humdrum budget, with no special features about it for eulogy, as prosperity budget. As we observed last Sunday, the only item in the estimates of revenue which needed some pleasurable comment was the growing yield of the property tax. Two or three causes combined to contribute to it. Firstly, the gross undervaluations which were so rife some four years ago, had been corrected. The correction, we repeat, began with Mr. Harvey in 1902-03, and were brought up to a point last year by his successor. (2) The two railway companies between them gave the large increase of a lakh, let alone minor landed proprietors and house-owners, (3) there was the general extension of properties in the town; and 4(4) the new buildings fast springing in our midst, owing to scarcity of accommodation. Practically, it may be said with truth that the valuations of properties have been brought up to date.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE LATE CONGRESS.

The *Indian Spectators* thus compliments Mr. Dadabhai Naoroji at his departure for England :—The week just ending may well be described as Mr. Dadabhai Naoroji's week at Bombay. After the fatigue of the journeys to and back from Calcutta, and the strain of the Congress week, it was but natural that the aged leader should seek rest in his own rookery at Versova. But this rest had to be foregone before long, and the last few days previous to his departure from our shores had again to be given to eager and willing crowds to satisfy to the popularity of their departing guest. The proceedings at the Dayan Prasark Mandli, the Gujyan Uttejak Mandli, the Dinners at the Ripon and other Clubs, the Town Hall and other entertainments in his honour, may be taken as spontaneous expressions of esteem for the oldest and most estimable of our fellow-citizens. A pioneer of female education among Parsis, Mr. Dadabhai has lived to see vast changes in his own and the sister communities which took their cue more or less from the Parsis.

The *Rast Goftar* has it :—Of the numerous functions which Mr. Dadabhai Naoroji has been called upon to perform, during his short stay in India, nothing could have gratified him the more than the opportunity which was offered to him to reply to the congratulatory addresses which were given him by the various institutions that Mr. Dadabhai established in his young days for the spread of education and social reform. The institutions which were founded about sixty years ago marked an epoch of enlightenment and progress, the beneficial results whereof are reaped in the early fruits which they have borne. Its example, as much as that of Japan, is an illustration of the power of adaptibility of the Orientals for all that is best and noble in Western civilization and culture. Western thoughts and education have revolutionized India, and there is a prospective future before it of bright sunshine and halcyon days. For our present rise in social and political growth, we are indebted primarily to the sagacity of magnanimous and far-sighted statesmen of the early days of British rule in India, and no less to their modern successors who have extended to us the blessings of education and free press in keeping with the high ideals of a just and liberal government, which have enabled their race to occupy this day the place of honour in the galaxy of distinguished nationalities of the world. Next to those who showed us the way to reform and progress, we are endebted to such sons of the soil whose enthusiasm inspired them to pioneer their countrymen along the way, clearing the impediments which clogged their progress and facilitating our march to the goal of national greatness and prosperity.

HIS MAJESTY THE AMIR.

The *Indian Spectator* says :—The most important public functions connected with Amir Habibullah's visit have taken place since we briefly referred to the visit last week. If he has learnt much concerning the military equipment and resources, of his friends and neighbours his frank and courtous demeanour has also dispelled many of the misconceptions which gained currency regarding himself. If the Amir ever had any fanaticism about him, he has left it on the other side of Peshawar. His firm declaration to the Mullahs that if a singie cow be killed on his account for the Bakr-Id festival at Delhi, he would at once turn his back upon his co-religionists and hosts in that city, speaks volumes at once for his courage, sagacity, and broadmindedness. From all accounts the Amir seems to be an open hearted and sincere friend. He trusts and wants to be trusted.

The *Indu Prakash* states :—His Majesty Habib-Ullah, the Amir of Afghanistan, has been in India for some days and has we believe to a certain extent realised what is best in Indian hospitality. The Government of India have not been sparing in their efforts to make the Amir's tour in these territories as agreeable and pleasant as possible and judging from the reports which the ubiquitous Special Reporters send, the Amir has nothing to regret in this his first and historic tour outside his empire. That the tour is likely to be a historic one in Anglo-Indian relationship nobody seems to have any doubt about. It has, of course, been already announced that the tour is not a political event and that except the friendly exchange of visits nothing is intended or looked for. Notwithstanding this declaration it is impossible to believe that Lord Minto's Government will be merely content with showering the Amir with present and princely entertainments, and they look for no exchange.

The *Parsi* remarks :—So far, the Royal Visit has been an unbroken success, and the memories of Agra will long linger in the minds of the Amir and his Sirdars as a dream of splendour. His Majesty appears to have taken kindly to the Western custom of congratulatory feasting, and the dinners given by Lord Minto, His Majesty and Lord Kitchener were very brilliant and representative assemblies. The Grand Chapter of the Indian Orders was also a very impressive function and was perhaps not so much empty pageantry as symbolical of the honour which is sought to be paid in conferring the Orders, and the investment of His Majesty with the insignia of a Knight Grand Cross of the Bath was a fitting compliment following King Edward's greeting to his guest. The grand eview appears to have pleased the Amir well, but what His Majesty, essentially a soldier, enjoyed most of all was the manœuvres where the soldiers appeared in their working clothes instead of the splendour of scarlet and gold. His Majesty followed the movements of the troops with the greatest interest, and threw aside the role of a passive spectator, galloping among the guns and the dust accompanied by Lord Kitchener, with whom he found a common medium of communication in Arabic. But even Agra could not last for ever, and at last the Viceroy returned to Calcutta, while the Amir proceeded to aligrah, and the soldiers and special correspondents dispersed. It is possible that His Majesty will carry away more abiding and fruitful reflections from Aligrah than even from Agra.

BOMBAY AND THE SHAH.

A remarkable letter printed in Persian and bearing the Bombay postmark has been laid before His Imperial Majesty the Sultan of Turkey. It alludes to him as the Supreme Head of Islam and speaks of the veneration in which his name is held by nearly two hundred million Muslims in all parts of the world. It points out what a power he might be for good and how easy it would be for him to unite all Muslims under his leadership for the benefit of those of their co-religionists who lack freedom and education. The Sultan is blamed for devoting his whole time to foreign affairs and neglecting the development of his country. The letter says that bribery is rife in Turkey and that not a post is given in the Turkish Empire for lovest meritorious work but is sold to the highestbidder. Speaking of the Christians in the Ottoman Service it refers specially to Germans many of whom are paid colossal salaries for nominal duties. It dwells on the system of espionage which extends even to the Cabinet ministers and recalls the many unpunished crimes committed by certain officials who are named and enjoins the Sultan to remove these men from employment. The letter in short contains a resume of all the ills which are eating the heart of Turkey and it is to be seen what good it is able to produce.—*Muslim Patriot.*

SIR J. B. FULLER.

Sir B. Fuller is gone but evidently his creed has remained behind him. There seems to be a vile conspiracy among the officials of Eastern Bengal that the Province is not to be given any peace. The latest instance of official riot comes from Chandpore. It appears that at the annual local fair, called Mihir Mela, the officials wanted to push on the sale of foreign sugar made articles. They were, however, defeated in this attempt of theirs by the active efforts of the anti-Circular Society men who, by the process of peaceful picketting, successfully enforced the boycott of all foreign goods at the stalls in the fair. The officials enraged at their discomfiture resorted to an abuse of their officials and legal powers, and over thirty boys and men, all of them respectable people, were arrested by the order of a Native 2nd class Magistrate acting under the inspiration of a European District Magistrate and with the co-operation of a European Police Inspector. Most of these arrested men were released on bail; but bail was refused in the case of two or three men who were supposed to be the ring-leaders. Prosecutions under section 143 I. P. C, will now be instituted and we shall, for some time to come, have to hear of the repetition of the melancholy measures with which prosecutions to which Government have pledged themselves are usually conducted. But in the present condition of our country every act of Government oppression is bound to result in indirect benefit to the cause of the nation. These legal persecutions, called prosecutions, though regrettable in themselves, have the wholesome effect of depriving the jail of its terrors. Nothing is so calculated to bring the criminal law into contempt as wholesale arrests and prosecutions of respectable men. The Chandpore men are said to have sung national songs while under arrest. What can be worse for the cause of the officialdom!—*Mahratta.*

THE LADIES' CORNER.

SEASONABLE WRAPS.

A very fine collection of fur-lined coats, for driving or motoring wear, are special bargains. One full-length coat, lined with sable squirrel of the finest quality, with large collar and revers of sable, is reduced to £57 10s. Another in nut-brown faced cloth, lined with Texas beaver, with large collar and revers of dark nut mink is 29 guineas, and a similar coat in fawn can be had at the same price. Useful costume skirts ready for immediate wear are another speciality. They are to be had in various fancy tweeds of good quality for the small sum of 13s. 6d. skirts in black voile, lined with silk and trimmed with tucks and gaugings, are remarkable value for 21s.; and in black and coloured crepe de Chine or black taffetas they are offered at two guineas. Particular mention must be made of the fur department, where a large assortment of muffs and stoles are being sold at extremely low prices. Real ermine stoles and ties are offered from 5½ to 30 guineas; muffs to match from 7 to 20 guineas. Stone marten ties and stoles—at reliable skins—are from 4½ to 19 guineas. Real Persian lamb paw ties, 80in. in length, are 21s. each, and flat muffs to match are 12s. 9d. and 21s. each. The whole stock of ostrich, coque, and marabout feather boas and stoles are offered at very low prices. White fox ties and stoles are being cleared regardless of cost at prices ranging from 39s. 6d. Moleskin ties with chenille fringe are 16s. 9d. each.

THE NEW REDINGOTE.

The Parisiennes are just now devoted to the ultra-long redingote, writes our Lady Correspondent in Paris. It is a garment which has so often been fashionable that it is difficult, even for the autocrats of the Rue de la Paix, to present it in an uncommon form, but this year they have worked a miracle: the redingote of the moment is novel in cut and in outline. It is exceptionally long, with full skirts and rather full sleeves, and it rarely—if ever—is Fasted in front, except at the waist, and altogether—it is a most picturesque garment. Paule Andral—whose stage costumes are copied by all the chic Parisiennes—recently appeared in one of the new redingotes and created a veritable sensation. The material was a thick quality of Indian cashmere in a subdued shade of Tsar-violet; the bodice portion of the coat was covered with fine braidings in black silk, and the upper part of the sleeves was composed of black Brepitschwanz. The same fur made its appearance in the form of a lowcut waistcoat, with the loveliest art nouveau buttons in mother-of-pearl and silver and there was a pleated shirt front of fine white muslin. The lining of this wonderful coat was of the darkest almond green satin, and it was worn over a trailing skirt of dark violet velvet.

BOMBAY LIGHT HORSE.

SQUADRON ORDERS.

Bombay, January 24.

The Range at Santa Cruz will be reserved for Class Firing on atunday afternoon next the 26th Instant from 3 p.m.

T. W. CUFFE, Major,
Comdg. B. L. H.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY MAJOR R. W. L. DUNLOP, COMMANDING B. V. R.

Bombay, January 24.

450 Detail—To-day Thursday the 24th instant.
There will be a Commanding Officer's Parade at 6-15 p.m.
Fall in near Sir Richard Temple's Statue.
Dress—Uniform, Drill Order, Forage Caps.
Friday the 25th instant.
Recruits of the current season will parade at Head-Quarters at 7 p.m.
Dress—Drill order, Plain clothes.
181 Musketry—The Rifle Ranges of the 109th and 113th Infantries at Santa Cruz will be available for Class Firing daily.
Train leaves Colaba at 6-15 a.m.

G. D. PRICE, Capt.,
Adjt., B. V. R.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. L. P. RUSSELL COMMANDING B. V. A.

Bombay, January 24.

138 DRILLS.

No 1 Co—Thursday to-day the 24th instant.
45 Aiming Rifle Practice at the Saluting Battery, Apollo Bunder, at 7 a.m.
Dress—Plain clothes.
No 2 Co—Thursday (to-day) the 24th instant.
10" R M L Gun Drill at Nesbit Road Head-Quarters at 9 p.m.
Dress—Plain clothes.

139 CORPS PARADE.

Saturday the 26th instant.
No 1 and 2 Co—10" R M L Practice, at Mahaluxmi Fort, at 4-45 p.m.
Dress—Khaki and Helmets.
No 1 Co parade at Church Gate Station at 4 p.m.
Train leaves 4-15 p.m.
No 2 Co parade at Mahaluxmi Fort 4-30 p.m.

141 RIFLE MEETING.

The following Matches will be shot for at Santa Cruz on Sunday the 27th instant.
Match VI Honorary Members Cup.
Ranges 300 and 500 yards.
Match VII Celerity and Precision.
Double from 300 yards to 500 yards and fire for one minute time to be taken from starting point.
Match VII Running Man.
Range 200 yards 2 shots per run Magazine may be used.

R. W. R. PENNINGTON Capt,
Ag. Adjutant B. V. A.

THE Bishop of Oxford, having stated that no man should be held responsible for the spiritual welfare of 650 parishes scattered through three Counties, a movement is on foot to take steps to secure the division of the diocese. The Oxford diocese has one Bishop for 870 clergy, and it has been proposed that Buckinghamshire and Berkshire shall be made separate dioceses, which would give Oxford 239 parishes, Berkshire 196, and Buckinghamshire 212

REMOVAL OF A LINGAYET TEMPLE.

At a Special Meeting of the Improvement Trust, held on the 15th January, consideration was given to the following letter from the Engineer, of the 17th December :—

"In continuation of this office letter of 11th December, in the matter of the temple to which this case relates, I have the honour to inform you that the managers and worshippers have shown great reluctance to come to any arrangement for the removal of the Ling and Idol.

From endorsement of 11th October 1904 by the Land Manager, it will be seen that the arrangement approved by the Board (Trustees' Resolution of 16th February 1904) was finally declined by the managers. Under this arrangement a sum of Rs. 3,000 was to be paid by us for the building, an equal area of land was to be given elsewhere, and a sum of Rs. 700 was to be paid for ceremonial expenses.

The case was then proceeded with, and the Special Collector awarded a sum of Rs. 5,573-15-0. This sum did not include any allowance for expenses incidental to removal of the gods which the Special Collector said would cost an appreciable sum, say Rs. 200 to Rs. 500, because he thought he was not empowered under the Land Acquisition Act, to award any sum for this purpose. The managers refused to accept this sum.

After obtaining possession I had an interview with certain gentlemen who represented themselves to be the priest and the manager of the temple, and on their undertaking to set about the arrangements for its removal, I admitted them as tenants for the purposes of worship on payment of a nominal rent. Since the road has been under construction, I have wished to remove the temple, and as some other persons, who represented themselves to be other managers of the temple, refused to be bound by the promise of those with whom I had an interview, I have had to take action under the advice of the Police, and have obtained an order from the Small Cause Court forejectment against one of the parties. The others, however, are not tenants but trespassers and a suit in the High Court will be necessary in order to eject them.

This means delay and expense, and I am advised by the Commissioner of Police that the managers will now [illegible] the gods if we will reinstate them in a suitable site [illegible] cost to themselves and will pay them the expenses of the ceremony of removal, which may amount to as much as Rs. 1,200.

I need not dilate on the urgent necessity in the interest of our work of removing temples, where necessary, otherwise than by force. In laying out schemes I exclude every religious edifice that I can. But in the case of Hindoo temples it is not possible to exclude all, for they are sprinkled over the City like pepper out of a castor. And if our schemes are not to suffer, we must treat each case liberally.

I think the only just course is to adopt the principle of reinstatement, together with a liberal allowance for ceremonial expenses. On any other terms I should be very unwilling to undertake the work. And I consider it especially important that we should adhere to his principle now when we are practically at the commencement of our work.

I would recommend therefore that we should act on the advice of the Commissioner of Police, and that I should be allowed to re-construct the temple on a site which I have ascertained to be acceptable to the temple authorities. Also that we should pay the sum which he considers fair for the ceremonial expenses.

I am having the temple measured for the purpose of making an estimate of the cost of re-construction, and will report the cost in due course. If you allow me I will write to the Commissioner of Police, and enquire what sum he considers fair for ceremonial expenses and moving. And I will submit the whole arrangement with the new site for the approval of the Board.

Read the following memorandum by the Chairman, dated the 19th December :—" This is the Lingayet temple in Scheme III concerning which Mr. Edwardes gave us such a valuable note on the question of the possibility of removing the 'Lingam' about 2 years ago. The Engineer's letter explains the present position of affairs, and I believe the policy of the Board in such matters to be one of liberal and conciliatory treatment. I believe the Board will be prepared to at once definitely adopt the principle of re-instatement in these cases as advocated by the Engineer. It is, I believe, the policy universally followed in the case of the removal of a religious edifice for a public purpose. It is no doubt expensive, but it would be much more expensive to excite religious animosity and cause widespread discontent. It is unavoidable that in some instances religious edifices must be removed and liberal treatment in this case may smooth our path for the future most materially.

The Commissioner of Police is, I imagine, in the best position to arrange with these people the sum to be paid for removal, as he can exercise a little pressure to prevent extortion. We should, therefore, I think, approve the Engineer's suggestion and lay down the principle of re-instatement for future guidance."

RESOLUTION.

The Engineer's suggestion is approved, and his estimate of the cost of re-constructing the temple on the new site and of the amount payable for the removal and re-consecration ceremonies will be awaited.

The principle now approved may be held applicable in future in all similar cases.

THE IN-COMING MAIL.

The P. and O. Co.'s Mail steamer "Oriental" which is expected to arrive in Bombay on Friday from Aden, brings the following passengers :—

FROM LONDON.

Allison, Miss S A — Hunter, Mr H C
Anderson, Mr J — Purton, Mr H
Anderson, Miss H H — Sears, Mrs E
Brown, Lady — Sillan[illegible] C S and Mrs and infant
Dumin, Mr S — Rowe, Mr L and Mrs
Glover, Mr R C — Retchford, Mr T R
Hallebl, Mr C — Tervelian, Mr A S
Heard, Mr H and Mrs

FROM MARSEILLES.

Armstrong, Mr J — Morris, Miss
Arbuthnot, Major G H — Macnoodelde, Mr E
Baker, Capt and Mrs — Moss Major
Curington, Miss — Peake, Mason, Mr W J and Mrs
Hutton, Mr W A — Raymond, Mr T M
Heard, Major R — Swayne, Lt-Col H G
Harris, Major L E — Stewart, Mr A
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Mr Lafleur — Mr and Mrs Raymond
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Mr Fenillant — Mr Pin
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Mr Artigan — Dr J E Mears
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Mr Meseam — Lieut Sykes
Mr Guglielme — Mr Nishmaki
Mr Rupenhausen — Rev F S Ditto
Mr Chauvean — Mrs Ditto and 2 children
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Mrs Rigal — Mr and Mrs E D Molony and 4 children
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From Karachi.—Mrs Maller,
To Karachi.—Syed Mr. B.
To Karachi.—Dr M Aman,

MEN AND MATTERS.

The recent attempt of the Emperor of China to commit suicide by throwing himself into a lake naturally calls attention to that very remarkable woman, the Dowager-Empress, whose iron rule over her unfortunate nephew is supposed to have been the real cause of his wish to take his life. The Empress Tsze-hsi was born of a very poor family, and when she was quite a little girl her parents were forced to sell her in order to raise a little money. She was bought by a Chinese general, who later on presented her to the Emperor Hien Fung. At her husband's death she quickly asserted her powers as a states-woman, and it was owing to her intervention that the present Emperor eventually succeeded to the throne. The Empress is one of the strangest mixtures of civilisation and Orientalism it is possible to imagine, for while she is a stern upholder of the ancient customs of her forefathers, she is an intrepid motorist, and has proclaimed herself interested in Christian Science.

In appearance the Dowager-Empress is by no means unprepossessing. Of medium height and with her hair dyed jet black, she looks considerably younger than her seventy odd years, and although her finger-nails have been allowed to grow to an enormous length, the fact that she is of Manchu birth has saved her from the horrible practice of foot-cramping, which is the unhappy fate of most Chinese women. In spite of her great age, Tsze-hsi is a very early riser, and conducts a good deal of her business while the majority of her subjects are still in bed. She is extremely fond of reading, and is herself a poetess of no mean merit. She is also a clever artist, and, naturally enough, is a great admirer of all kinds of jewellery. Dogs are especial favourites with the Empress, and she possesses numerous magnificent specimens of various breeds. Flowers, too, take up a large share of her time, and she personally superintends the decoration of her apartments with beautiful blooms. So inflexible a ruler has this wonderful woman proved, that she has been nick-named by her people "the only man in China."

Great interest attaches to the personality of Mrs. James Bryce, for the position of British Ambassadress at Washington is the blue riband of the feminine diplomatic world. Of late years an effort has been made to send to America diplomats connected already by marriage with the great Republic. This was the case with Sir Michael Herbert, whose wife was a noted American beauty and heiress, and in this one matter the Liberal Government has followed the old groove, for Mrs. Bryce throughher mother, a Miss Gair, is partly American. In no other way, however, will the new Ambassadress recall any of her predecessors, for she is quite unconnected by birth associations or interests with that hitherto "close borough" diplomacy.

Her Excellency, to give her the title by which she should be officially hailed, was Manchester born and bred. Her father, Mr. Thomas Ashton, was a noted Liberal of Cottonopolis, and he brought up his young daughter to be as staunch a Radical as he was himself. As a girl she took a certain part in feminine Manchester affairs, especially in those connected with the education of young people and of the working classes. The marriage of Elizabeth Marian Ashton to the historian-politician took place seventeen years ago at a time when the bridegroom was already regarded as a man of great mark in both the careers he had carved out for himself, and at once he found in his young wife the ideal sympathiser and helpmeet every writer and statesman needs more than do most men in the woman sharing his name.

Mrs. Bryce, unlike most of the distinguished women descended from the leaders of the old Manchester school, has no sympathy with those who advocate Woman Suffrage. This is the more significant as she has no objection to seeing ladies on platforms, and is herself a prominent member of the leading political and philanthropic associations connected with the well being of her own sex. As a political hostess, both in London and in Ireland, the wife of our newest Ambassador won golden opinions from the comparatively unimportant folk who are so often treated with scant courtsey by those great ladies who regard official entertaining as a boring duty connected with high political office.

Mr. John Edward Redmond, the intrepid Nationalist leader, who, it has been rumoured, may succeed Mr. Bryce as Chief Secretary for Ireland, is considered one of the most eloquent speakers in the lower House. He has had a varied and somewhat stormy career, and was a clerk in the House of Commons when the late Mr. Parnell "discovered" him. The very first day he was elected to Parliament the hot-headed young Irishman caused a scene by his maiden speech and was expelled with his colleagues the same evening. On the death of his old chief Mr. Parnell, John Redmond assumed his mantle, and has fought strenuously and unceasingly for Home Rule ever since. Mr. Redmond was called to the English Bar in 1886, and to the Irish Bar a year later. He is greatly interested in temperance reform, and among his chief recreations are shooting, fishing, horse-riding, and reading Shakespeare. Mr. Redmond has been twice married, and is devoted to a home life which is the exact opposite to his stormy public carreer.

A good story has been told by Mr. Redmond about the "annunciator"—an instrument which announces to the libraries of the House of Commons the name of the member who happens to be addressing the Chamber. On one occasion, Mr. Redmond was sitting unobserved in a corner of the smoking-room of the House enjoying a well earned rest, when, through some error, the "annunciator" announced that he was speaking. Hugely enjoying the mistake, the apostle of Home Rule quietly awaited the rush of members to hear the speech. To his intense surprise, however, no one moved, and while one man remarked : "Oh, let him go on talking," the others continued their smoking as though an oration from Mr. Redmond were of the least consequence in the world.

Certain people who stand very high in the estimate of Royalty are strangely little written about. Such an one is Lady Mount Stephen, who has just entertained the Prince and Princess of Wales at Brocket Hall. The second wife of the famous Canadian statesman-millionaire owes the great friendship with which our future Queen honours her to the fact that, as Miss Gian Tufnell, she was lady-in-waiting and favourite companion of the late Duchess of Teck, and there are many most touching references to "Gian" in the diaries and letters written by genial Princess Mary during the last months of her well-spent life. The daughter of a distinguished naval officer, Miss Gian Tufnell possessed all the qualifications needed by a post in a Royal Household. She was musical, tactful, an excellent letter-writer, and unfailingly cheerful; and undoubtedly her presence helped to render happier the closing days of her Royal mistress's life. At the time of the Duchess's death Miss Tufnell was already engaged to Lord Mount Stephen, and the marriage took place very quietly very soon after, in the same autumn. The high regard with which she was, and is, regarded, not only by the Princess of Wales, but by the latter's brothers, was significantly shown when Prince Alexander and his bride, Princess Alice of Albany, spent their honeymoon at Brocket Hall.

The only lady "chairman" in the United Kindom, Lady Dockrell, is beginning to justify her unique appointment. In January last she was elected Chairman of the Blackrock (Dublin) Urban Council. "For he's a jolly good fellow" burst out an enthusiastic councillor when here election was declared, and all present joined heartily in the chorus. Now she is proving herself a real friend to the unemployed of the township whose affairs she manages, for she has taken practical steps to provide them with work.

Lady Dockrell is the wife of Sir Maurice Dockrell, a prominent member of the Dublin Docks and Port Board. She is a woman of considerable personality, with features of Bernhardtian strength and a head of "fuzzy" hair. Naturally her ladyship is a vigorous advocate of woman's rights, and has been actively engaged as a member of the committees of the Irish-women's Suffrage and Local Government Association, and the Englishwomen's Local Government Association. The chairman of every urban council, "if not a woman," is a Justice of the Peace by virtue of the office; therefore it is ony Lady Dockrell's sex that prevents her being a J.P.—a limitation she much resents. "I consider it very unfair," she protests, "that a lady cannot be a J. P."

THE CITY MORTALITY.

The Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m. yesterday, give the following results :—

Wards.	Plague Attacks.	Plague Deaths.	Deaths from all causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	3	2	3
B Mandvi, Chukla, Oomerkhadi and Dongri	3	4	17
C Market, Dhobi Talao Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao, and Kumbharwada ..	2	2	20
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpati, Walkeshwar, and Mahalaxmi	0	0	6
E Mazagon, Tarwadi, 2nd Kamathipura, Kamathipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	1	0	26
F Parel, Sewree and Sion....	0	0	6
G Mahim and Worli	0	0	4
Water Division....	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown ..	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	0	5
Total.....	9	8	87
Total plague deaths to date..	134,376		
Same date last year	13	9	81

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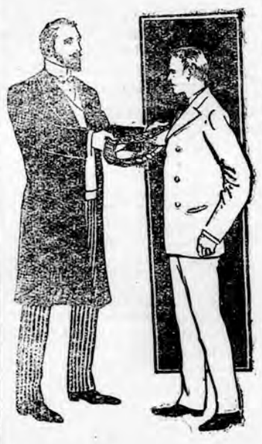

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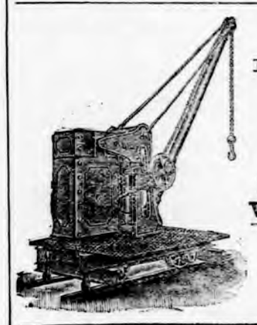

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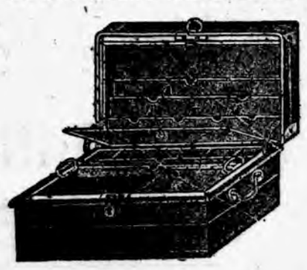

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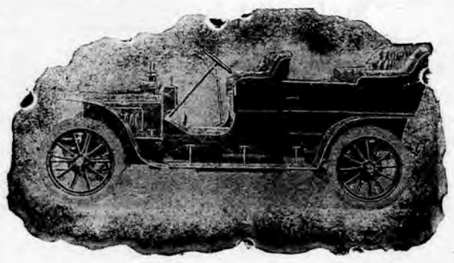

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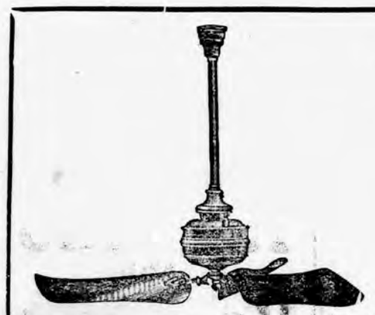

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